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"According to this time it shall be said  
What hath GOD wrought"

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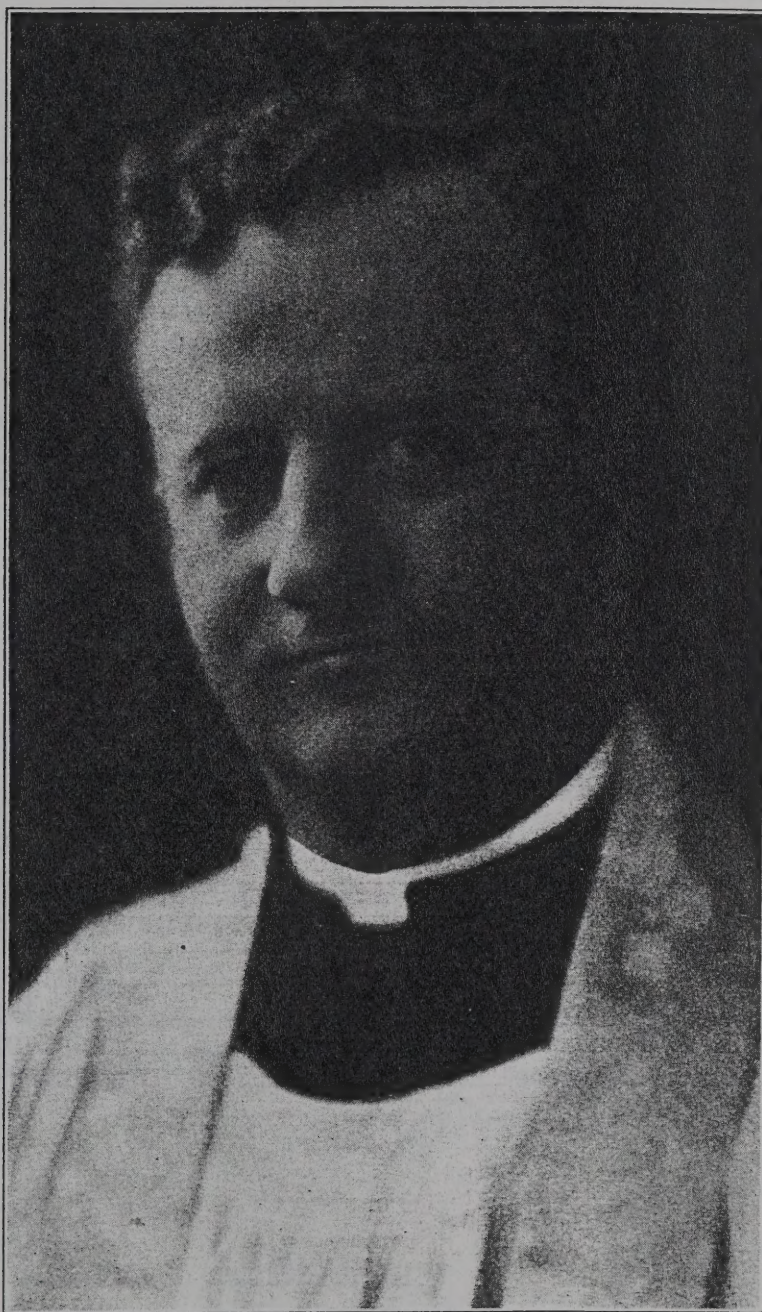
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Cornerstone laid February 28th, 1892. First Service April 16th, 1893.  
Consecrated November 22nd, 1914.



## Bishops of Louisiana

- (33) LEONIDAS POLK—Consecrated Dec. 9th, 1838. Died June 14th, 1864. (First Bp. of Arkansas) Missionary Bp. of Louisiana, 1841.  
Consecrators: William Meade (Asst. Bp. of Va.); Benjamin Bosworth Smith (Bp. of Kentucky); Charles Pettit McIlvaine (Bp. of Ohio); and James Hervey Otey (Bp. of Tennessee).
- (80) JOSEPH PERE BELL WILMER—Consecrated Nov. 7th, 1866. Died Dec. 2nd, 1878. (Second Bishop of Louisiana.)  
Consecrators: John Henry Hopkins (Bp. of Vermont); William Mercer Green (Bp. of Mississippi); Richard Hooker Wilmer (Bp. of Alabama); and Charles Todd Quintard (Bp. of Tennessee).
- (124) JOHN NICHOLAS GALLEHER—Consecrated Feb. 5th, 1880. Died Dec. 7th, 1891. (Third Bishop of Louisiana).  
Consecrators: William Mercer Green (Bp. of Mississippi); Richard Hooker Wilmer (Bp. of Alabama); Charles Franklin Robertson (Bp. of Missouri); and Thomas Underwood Dudley (Assistant Bp. of Kentucky).
- (157) DAVIS SESSUMS—Consecrated June 24th, 1891, (Assistant Bp. became Fourth Bishop of Louisiana Dec. 7th, 1891).  
Consecrators: Charles Todd Quintard (Bp. of Tennessee); Daniel Sylvester Tuttle (Bp. of Missouri); Alexander Charles Garrett (Bp. of North Texas), later (1895) Dallas; John Nicholas Galleher (Bp. of Louisiana); Hugh Miller Thompson (Bp. of Mississippi); Alfred A. Watson (Bp. of East Carolina).



REV. CHAS. L. MONROE  
Rector  
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**FIRST CHURCH**—Erected 1839.

Consecrated March 29th, 1840.

Removed to Hercules Street, (now South Rampart Street).

**SECOND CHURCH**—First Service December 24th, 1854.

Consecrated May 26th, 1870.

Damaged by fire March 23rd, 1891.

**THIRD CHURCH**—Cornerstone laid February 28th, 1892.

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## Rectors of St. Paul's Church

REV. JOHN WHEAT.....	1836-1837
REV. CHAS. GOODRICH, D. D.....	1838-1868
REV. WM. F. ADAMS, D. D.....	1869-1875
REV. H. H. WATERS, D. D.....	1875-1902
REV. L. W. LOTT.....	1902-1906
REV. J. D. LAMOTHE.....	1907-1916
REV. A. R. BERKELEY.....	1916-1926
REV. CHAS. L. MONROE.....	1926-

## Curates of St. Paul's Church

REV. HUGH McNEILL MINTON.....	of England—1882; resigned 1883.
REV. HARRY L. FITCH.....	Ordained Deacon and Priest in St. Paul's; served as Curate 1891; resigned and became in charge of Grace Church, Monroe; transferred to Colorado. Died 1898.
REV. A. R. EDBROOKE.....	Ordained Deacon and Priest in St. Paul's; served as Curate 1893; resigned 1897 and became Rector Church of the Good Shepherd, Lake Charles, La.; Grace Church, New Orleans. Died 1924.
REV. A. O. TARRANT.....	Curate 1897; resigned 1898.
REV. GEO. P. BENTLEY.....	Curate 1898; resigned 1899.
REV. E. A. RENNIE.....	Ordained Deacon and Priest in St. Paul's; served as Curate 1900; resigned 1905 and became Rector Christ Church, Covington, and in charge of Missions at Mandeville, Slidell, Bogalusa. Died 1918.
REV. H. T. COCKE.....	Served as Curate 1901 to 1902; resigned; transferred to Diocese of Missouri and others and is now Rector of All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Md.
REV. J. S. DITCHBURN.....	Ordained Deacon May 1st, 1921, and Priest September 12th, 1922, at St. Paul's; resigned October, 1925; now Rector St. James Church, Brightmoor, Michigan.

The following Clergy were members of St. Paul's Church, before ordination:

REV. E. B. MORENO.....	Died 1903.
REV. F. L. COYLE.....	
REV. J. WILMER GRESHAM, D.D.....	Now Dean of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, Cal.
REV. MENARD DOSWELL, JR.....	Rector of St. George's Church, New Orleans, La., resigned, and now Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

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## Missionary

MISS GEORGINA SUTHON, to Japan—March, 1889.



## Lay Readers

LOUIS A. WEAVER.  
EDWIN BELKNAP.  
F. H. G. FRY.

J. TEMPLE DOSWELL.  
CHAS. W. ARNY.  
B. N. DAVIS.

M. F. WILLIAMS.

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CHILDREN'S HOME.....JAS. D. HAYWARD, HARRY T. HOWARD  
JNO. M. BONNER MEMORIAL HOME.....ALFRED LEBLANC  
CONVALESCENT HOME.....ALFRED LEBLANC  
GAUDET NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.....ALFRED LEBLANC  
FINK HOME.....F. H. G. FRY  
SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN...F. H. G. FRY

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REV. CHARLES L. MONROE, Rector

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Senior Warden—ALFRED LEBLANC.

Junior Warden—EDWIN BELKNAP.

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WATERS, B. N. DAVIS, OSCAR OLIVER, F. H. G. FRY,  
HENRY F. STRACK, WALTER J. SUTHON, JR.

Treasurer—ARCHIE M. SMITH.

Assistant Treasurer—JULIUS STRACK.

MISS ELEANOR MARSHALL, Secretary.

MR. CHARLES KAEKER, Sexton.

Church Office is in the Parish House

1127 Gaiennie Street

Phone Jackson 1529

## Directory of Parish Work

### *The Church School*

Superintendent.....F. H. G. FRY  
908 Fern Street  
Assistant Superintendent.....OSCAR OLIVER  
1521 Adams Street  
Secretary.....MRS. CLARICE MELCHIOR  
1729 Coliseum Street  
Treasurer.....MISS SUSIE MUMFORD  
1718 Palmer Avenue

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Primary.....	908 Fern Street	MRS. F. H. G. FRY
Director of Service League.....	1126 Washington Avenue	MISS ALMA HAMMOND

*The Choir*

Organist and Choir Director.....	1737 Jackson Avenue—Phone Jackson 3382	MR. HERBERT J. AUSTIN
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*The Woman's Service League*

First Tuesday, 2 P. M.

Chairman .....	1500 Jefferson Avenue	MRS. JOHN M. MCBRYDE
Vice-Chairman .....	2418 Broadway Street	MRS. CHARLES A. ROSENBERG
Treasurer.....	1138 Broadway Street	MRS. HELEN P. LAFONTA
Recording Secretary.....	1222 Soniat Street	MRS. HARRY L. FITHIAN
Corresponding Secretary.....	5104 Pitt Street	MRS. J. S. DOANE
Chairman Woman's Auxiliary.....	6120 Marquette Place	MRS. F. J. FOXLEY
Chairman Education Committee.....	2418 Broadway Street	MRS. C. A. ROSENBERG
Box and Appeal Secretary.....	1420 Polymnia Street	MRS. H. H. WATERS
Custodian United Thank Offering.....	5104 Pitt Street	MISS CORA L. DOANE
Chairman Chancel Committee.....	2630 Peters Avenue	MRS. ARCHIE M. SMITH
Vice-Chairman.....	3303 Coliseum Street	MRS. FRED BRENCHLEY
Chairman Children's Home Committee.....	1544 Webster Street	MRS. H. R. LABOUISSÉ
Vice-Chairman.....	1423 First Street	MRS. J. P. LABOUISSÉ
Chairman Parish Aid Committee.....	1827 Valence Street	MRS. T. A. STUBBS
Vice-Chairman.....	5104 Pitt Street	MRS. J. S. DOANE
Social Service Secretary.....	1914 Robert Street	MRS. ROBERT SPEARING
Chairman Flower Committee.....	503 Millaudon Street	MRS. OLE K. OLSEN
Chairman Choir Guild.....	1236 First Street	MRS. ALFRED LEBLANC

The meetings of the League will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2 P. M., except in case of the three night meetings, which will be held at 8 o'clock.

Each circle will have a meeting each month at such time and place as it may choose.

*The King's Daughters*

HELPING HAND CIRCLE  
First Mondays, 2:30 P. M.

Leader.....	1718 Palmer Avenue	MISS VIOLETTE BELL
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Secretary.....Mrs. P. A. O'DELL  
2431 Chestnut Street

Treasurer.....MISS GRACE THOMPSON  
1018 Carrollton Avenue  
MINISTERING CIRCLE

Leader.....MISS ELEANOR MARSHALL  
Second Mondays, 7:30 P. M.  
1718 Palmer Avenue

Vice-Leader.....MISS CLARISSE MELCHIOR  
1729 Coliseum Street

Secretary.....MISS MOLLIE PICOU  
1133 Baronne Street

Treasurer.....MISS ANDRINA BRADFORD  
731 Howard Avenue

### *Brotherhood of St. Andrew*

Director.....B. N. DAVIS  
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4600 S. Claiborne Street

Secretary-Treasurer.....MILTON F. WILLIAMS  
1519 Erato Street

### *Young People's Service League*

#### CHAPTER A

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First Vice-President.....MARY LOUISE HUMMEL  
Second Vice-President.....HANK YOUNG  
Corresponding Secretary.....BLANCHE YOUNG  
Recording Secretary.....MYRTLE LONG  
Treasurer.....JOSEPHINE JANVIER

#### CHAPTER B

Sundays, 5 P. M.  
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Vice-President.....JOHN LUMBLY  
Treasurer.....DAN MOORE  
Secretary.....EMMA KEEN

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Every Friday, 7:45 P. M.  
Scoutmaster.....EMERSON BENTLEY  
4318 Magnolia Street  
Assistant Scoutmaster.....O. C. BELFIELD  
1551 Canal Street  
Assistant Scoutmaster.....ARTHUR E. BENTLEY  
4318 Magnolia Street

## Services

#### SUNDAYS

Holy Communion.....7:30 A. M.  
Holy Communion, First Sundays.....11:00 A. M.  
Church School.....9:45 A. M.  
Adult Bible Classes.....10:00 A. M.  
Morning Service and Sermon.....11:00 A. M.  
Evening Service and Sermon.....7:30 P. M.  
Holy Baptism, Second Sundays.....12:30 P. M.

#### WEEK DAYS

Greater Festivals.....7:30 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.  
Other Holy Days.....10:30 A. M.

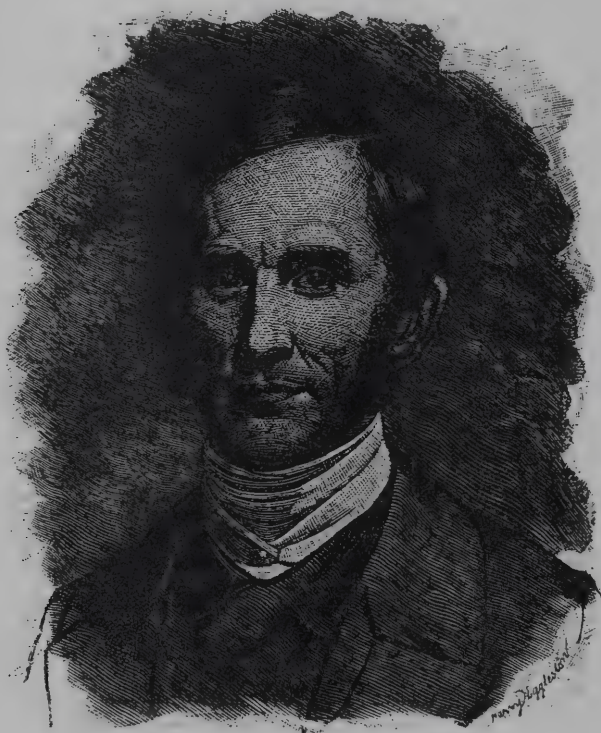
The following pages are not claimed to be chronologically correct, and they are not intended to be other than a recital of incidents connected with the life of St. Paul's Church as far as the records permit. Some of the most valuable are missing (presumably by loss from the fire which destroyed the second edifice), but enough can be gathered therefrom to stimulate the activities of those now connected with the Parish, so that they can worthily follow the examples of those who have gone before and whose watchword was

“DUTY AND DEVOTION”.



## St. Paul's Church

**T**HE history of this Parish began with its organization in 1836, when the Rev. J. T. Wheat was appointed by the Missionary Bishop of Louisiana a missionary in the upper portion of New Orleans, and in November of that year a gathering was held in a school room near the present Lee Circle. Prominent thereat were Mr. William F. Brand, Judge Thomas N. Morgan, and Major Grayson, U.S.A. Mr. Charles Goodrich (later to enter the sacred ministry, and to become the Rector of the Parish) rendered valuable assistance.



JNO. THOS. WHEAT

Rev. Mr. Wheat had been connected with St. Luke's Church, Marietta, Ohio, where he had been elected Rector in 1833. The history of that Church states that:

"For several months in the first part of the year 1836, Mr. Wheat was absent on a prolonged visit to New Orleans, an account of which will be most interesting in his own words. He says:

'My visit to New Orleans was on account of my health. I had been to see a brother at Wheeling who died of small pox and I was soon after stricken with varioloid; barely surviving. I was left so feeble as to be unfit for Parish work, and Dr. Hildreth advised a trip to New Orleans. Soon after my arrival the Vestry of Christ Church (then the only one in the city) engaged me temporarily at \$300 a month. As their new church had been only recently begun, we held service in a Lutheran Church, then vacant. They had already called Dr. Wheaton of Hartford, Conn., upon the recommendation of Bishop Brownell who was then provisionally in charge of our Southwestern Missions. I remained in New Orleans some three months or more, and when leaving was presented with \$400 for the benefit of "St. Luke's", Marietta. I made many warm friends in New Orleans who, when I was afterwards sent there by the Domestic Committee to establish a Mission in the upper part of the city, rallied enthusiastically for support, and the Mission gradually grew into

"ST. PAUL'S", a self-supporting parish.

'A subscription of \$40,000 towards the building of a church, by the financial crash of '37, was rendered entirely unavailable, and just in that crisis I was called to Christ Church, Nashville, and importuned by my dearest friend, Bishop Otey. I removed thither in 1837.'

Services were held later at a warehouse in Julia Street, and finally in Camp Street, when the Parish was organized; it being the third oldest in the State. Christ Church was the first, being organized in 1805, 31 years before St. Paul's; and Grace Church, at St. Francisville, organized in 1826, or ten years earlier. In 1838, these three churches undertook the merging of their congregations into a Diocese, and on the 28th day of April of that year formally erected and established the Diocese of Louisiana, with the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk as Bishop.

The organization of the Parish of St. Paul's was effected by the election of John Messenger, Senior Warden; Augustine Slaughter, Junior Warden, with Hon. Thomas H. B. Morton, Thomas N. Morgan, and John B. Grayson, Vestrymen.

One of the first acts of the new congregation was to vote a building fund of \$40,000.00, which was promptly subscribed; but about this time the financial panic of 1837 intervened, and many of the wealthiest men and heaviest subscribers were impoverished and unable to meet their subscriptions, and so the building of their house of worship had to be, for the time, postponed.

In 1838 the Rev. Charles Goodrich was invited to revive the work; under his leadership services were held in a school house in Clio Street, until in the following year a church building was erected and Divine Services held on the present site, then being known as Camp and Bartholemew Streets. The Vestry held their first meeting there on December 17th, 1839.

The congregation worshipped in their new home until the second building was completed in 1853; a few members

of the parish secured and donated the material of the old structure to St. Luke's Church for the erection of a church building at the corner of Euterpe and Dryades (then known



REV. CHAS. GOODRICH, D. D.  
Rector  
1838-1868

as Hercules St.). St. Luke's was destroyed by fire in 1863, and later became the site of the present Trinity Chapel.

December 26, 1839, Messrs. Thomas Sloo and Thomas N. Morgan were appointed delegates to the Diocesan Council, held in January, 1840. Miss Keppel was appointed organist.

There could be no question of the heroism and noble self-sacrifice of those pioneers of our parish, for in two short years their house of worship was out of debt, and on March 26, 1840, that great figure of history of our Church, as well as that of the Confederacy, Bishop Leonidas Polk, consecrated their structure to the Worship and Glory of GOD.

The original certificate, in the handwriting of that great Divine, is still preserved as a priceless treasure in the church. The communicants then numbered just thirty-one.



Whereas the Rector, Church Warden & Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, City of New Orleans (State of Louisiana) have, by an instrument this day presented to me, deposited a house of public worship united by them in the said parish to the parish, & named of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, & the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrine, liturgy, rites, & usages; & by a congregation in communion with said Church, in union with the Convention thereof, in the Diocese of Louisiana;

And whereas the said Rector, Church Warden & Vestrymen, have by the same instrument, requested me to take this said house of worship under my spiritual jurisdiction, as Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana; and that of my Successors in office, & to consecrate it by the name of St. Paul's Church & thereby separate it from all unhallowed use, & of common use; & solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned;

Now, therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, Leopoldus Polke, D.D., Divine Permission Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, acting under the protection of the City of New Orleans, have, on this twenty ninth day of January, being the fourth Sunday in Lent, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred & forty, taken the above mentioned house of worship under my spiritual jurisdiction,

isolation, as Bishop expressed, & that of my successors  
in office, & in presence of himself of the Clergy, & of the  
Congregation therein assembled, & according to the  
form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church  
in the United States of America, have consecrated  
the same by the name of St Paul's Church.

And I do hereby, pronounce & declare, that  
the said house of worship thus designated, is con-  
secrated accordingly, & thereby, separated henceforth  
from all unhallowed, worldly, & common uses, and  
dedicated to the worship & service of Almighty God,  
the Father, the Son, & the Holy Ghost, for reading  
& preaching his holy Word, for celebrating his  
holy sacraments, for offering to his glorious  
Father, the sacrifices of Prayer, Praise, and  
Thanksgiving, for blessing his people in his name  
& for the performance of all other holy offices, ac-  
cording to the terms of the covenant of Grace and  
Salvation in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
& according to the provisions of the Protestant Epis-  
copal Church in the United States of America, in  
its ministry, doctrine, liturgy, rites & usages.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed  
my seal & signature of office, the day & year above  
written, & in the second year of my consecration.

Witness my hand

The Honorable Bishop of Arkansas  
& the Bishop in Charge of  
Missouri



The organ of the new church was the generous donation of the Consistory of the French Evangelical Church of New Orleans, and was dedicated on Christmas Day 1841, and the Silver Communion Service used upon that memorable occasion was kindly loaned by Mr. George W. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard, his wife and their daughters, Misses Anna, Katherine, Cora, Margaret, and Georgie, were very ardent workers in the Parish, and were thereafter closely and always identified in all its work. The history of St. Paul's is full of instances of the constant and energetic and mighty efforts of the Faithful Women of the Congregation, and of the practical and substantial aid rendered and results achieved.

## Charter

The original charter of the church, dated February 14, 1840, accepted by the Vestry April 23, 1841, bears the signatures of

William Goodrich	George W. Pritchard	John B. Grayson
Richard Swain	Robert Layton	Charles Henshaw
C. Adams	Thomas Meux	Thomas N. Morgan
John Messenger	Thomas Sloo, Jr.	William F. Brand

and such other free white persons, of the age of 21, residents of the Parish of Orleans and of Jefferson, as shall contribute annually ten dollars for the support and maintenance of the herein contemplated church, and they are hereby created a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name, style, and title of "The Congregation of St. Paul's Church", in the Parish of Orleans, in Communion with the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities, granted to the Church Wardens and Vestry Members, of Christ Church, in the Parish of Orleans, by the first section of an act entitled, an Act for the Incorporation of a congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Parish of Orleans, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which was passed on the third day of July, 1805. The said charter expires twenty-five years from the date of the passage of said Act.

The next record of the charter is under date of April 26, 1865, and an amendment, by Notarial Act, bearing date of December 30, 1871. These documents bear the signatures of

Thomas Sloo	Alfred Kearny	John B. Murison
Daniel P. Morgan	Edward C. Kemble	K. S. Derickson
	William F. Clemson.	

On March 3, 1890, the charter was renewed for a period of 99 years, and contains a clause expressly forbidding the granting or placing of a mortgage upon the church (then



out of debt) without the unanimous consent and sanction of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

On February 9, 1842, the authority was voted for giving Bills of Sale, dated at the time of purchase, to those buying pews, and the revenue derived from this source, 72 pews, amounted to \$2220.00.

The Rector's salary was fixed at \$1500.00 for the current year—a renewal of insurance of \$5000.00 on the church and \$1000.00 on the organ were authorized.

During the year 1843 the Ladies Sewing Circle raised \$2200.00 at a fair.

March 3, 1844, Mr. L. DuPuy was elected Junior Warden, Mr. Sheldon Clark was elected Treasurer.

At this meeting a pew valued at \$350.00 was given for the purpose of erection of a Sunday School, provided the sum of \$600.00 be raised.

At the meeting of the Vestry especial attention was given to the religious training and education of negroes, and to the Colored Sunday School which at that time numbered 40.

April 7, 1847, Mr. Sloo was elected Treasurer, Mr. E. McPherson Secretary pro-tem.

July 5, 1847, the salary of the Rector was fixed at \$2000.00 per annum, to date from December 1, 1846, and a leave of absence was granted until November.

December 14, 1847, the Vestry gave the Rector a renewal of his leave of absence, and, pending his return, engaged Rev. Charles Frey to serve until his return in 1848. Also the Vestry extended its thanks to the Ladies Sewing Circle for a donation of \$400.00.

February 14, 1848, the salary of Miss Hitchcock, Organist, was increased to \$25.00.

April 27, 1849, the Church Treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of \$100.00 which was an assessment for the Bishop.

It was announced that the Ladies had turned over to the Treasurer \$1500.00 which they had earned from a fair, which was accepted with grateful thanks.

April 15, 1850, acknowledgment was made of the receipt of \$1400.00 from the Ladies' Societies.

April 4, 1851, the Rector was granted a leave of absence for the summer, and an assistant was provided for by an appropriation of \$50.00 a month.

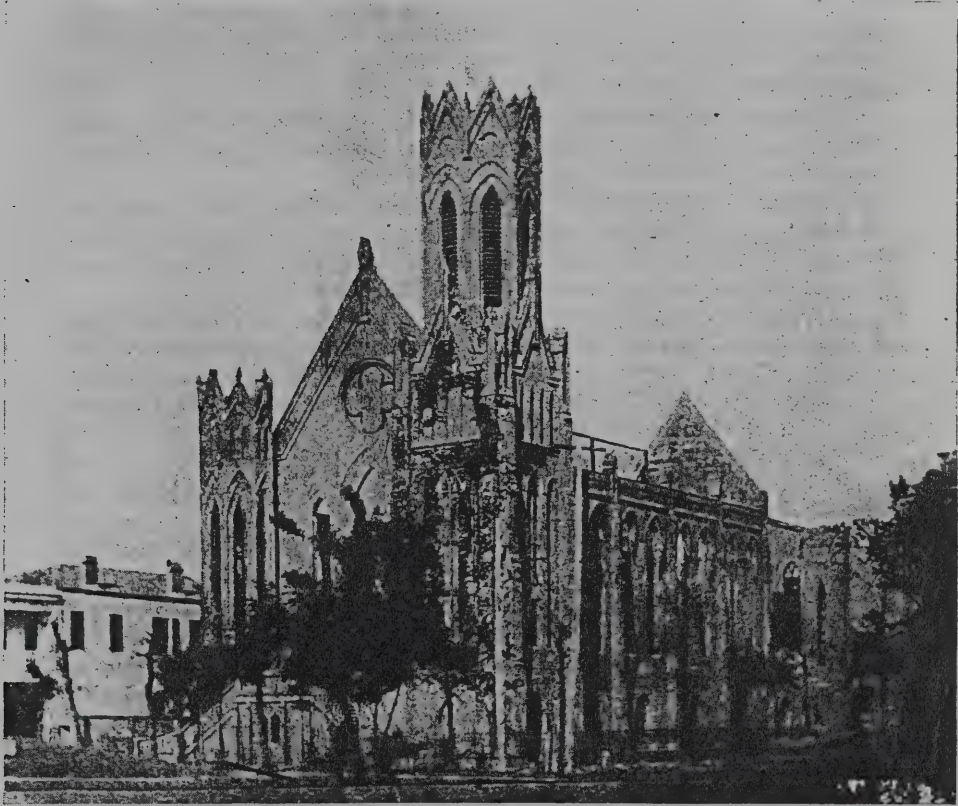
December 29th, a meeting of Pew-Holders and friends was held to take action upon the matter of the erection of a

new church; Mr. Thomas Sloo presided, and the following committees were appointed:

PLANS—Messrs. Murison, Cooper and Golding.

WAYS AND MEANS—Messrs. Neville, Massie, Gurvey, Goodrich, Dr. Barton, McConnell and Biscoe.

January 19, 1853, a resolution was adopted authorizing the purchase of an additional piece of ground, 12 feet 9 inches wide, by 128 feet deep for \$1400.00.



SECOND CHURCH—First Service held December 24th, 1854. Consecrated May 24th, 1870.  
Damaged by Fire March 23rd, 1891.

February 10, Messrs. Sloo and W. M. Goodrich were appointed a Building Committee for the new church; and, as the congregation was steadily increasing in numbers, it was decided to build a larger church; accordingly, a contract was let for its construction, which was to be of brick, Norman style of architecture, open timbered ceiling, and with basement. In the basement were a chapel, Sunday School room and an assembly room. Special attention was given

the work for little children, and space designed for an assembly room was used for entertainment and social work.

The first service in the new church was held December 24, 1854, and in 1859 a new organ was purchased at a cost of \$4300.00.

December 5th, Mr. Thomas Cripps was appointed organist, and Mrs. Ann Moore (colored) appointed sexton.

January 27, 1854, Mr. James McConnell, was elected Treasurer; on April 19th, authorization for \$20,000.00 insurance upon the church property; May 8th—December 9th, Mr. John Benson was engaged as organist, at a salary of \$400.00 per year; December 23rd, acknowledgment was made of a set of lectern gifts from Mrs. Sarah Hill.

Nothing of importance occurred then until April 5, 1855, when Miss Caroline Peters and Mrs. Mitchell made a donation of chairs for the Chancel.

At this time the church found itself in need of funds for carrying on its work, and accordingly on the 11th of May, Mr. W. M. Goodrich, was authorized to mortgage the church property to secure a loan of \$25,000.00, interest at 7½%.

January 7, 1856, the Wardens were authorized to lease to the School Board the School Room in the basement for use as a Boys' High School at a rental of \$50.00 per month.

February 4th, Mr. Archibald Glenn was appointed member of Protestant Episcopal Association.

March 3rd, a loan of \$15,000.00 was authorized.

February 27th—A vote of thanks was extended to the Ladies' Sewing Society for donation of \$1494.50.

April 20, 1862—Election of Wardens and Vestry, and then the minutes cease as there were none kept until the return of Dr. Goodrich at the end of the war.

From the organization of the parish to this time the following gentlemen served as Vestrymen:

Messrs. Wm. M. Brand	L. DuPuy
Frank R. Southmayd	———McPherson
Thomas Sloo	Archibald Glenn
——— Briggs	S. B. Day
B. M. Norman	James Maxwell
Bennett Biscoe	George W. Pritchard
Thomas Henderson	J. W. Andrews
John B. Murison	B. M. Norman
Richard Swain	———Woodall
Thomas N. Morgan	E. H. Barton
Sheldon Clark	J. A. Mitchell

The following served as Senior Wardens:

Messrs. Thomas N. Morgan	Thomas Sloo
John Messenger	



The following served as Junior Wardens:

Messrs. Thomas Sloo (1840)	Thos. Henderson
W. M. Goodrich	—— Norcum
L. Dupuy	

The following served as Secretary:

Messrs. F. R. Southmayd	John B. Murison
L. D. Bein	

The following served as Treasurer:

Messrs. W. M. Goodrich	Sheldon Clark
James McConnell	B. M. Norman

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention from 1839:

Messrs. Thos. Sloo, Thos. N. Morgan, Andrews, F. R. Southmayd, Richard Swain, D. DuPuy, Sheldon Clark, Dr. —— Logan, J. W. Andrews, J. Dorsey, S. Woodall, W. M. Goodrich, Judge —— Watts, B. M. Norman, —— Abbott, B. Biscoe, J. B. Murison, —— Holden, Jas. McConnell, E. H. Barton, Archibald Glenn, —— Mason, —— Glenn, Jno. S. Bein, —— Lewis, J. H. Kennard, —— Day.

The Civil War coming, the call for service by the Southland on its men and women was not unheeded by St. Paul's.

In April, 1862, the city was taken by the Federal forces and General B. F. Butler established his headquarters in the old Twiggs house on Prytania Street (nearly opposite the church).

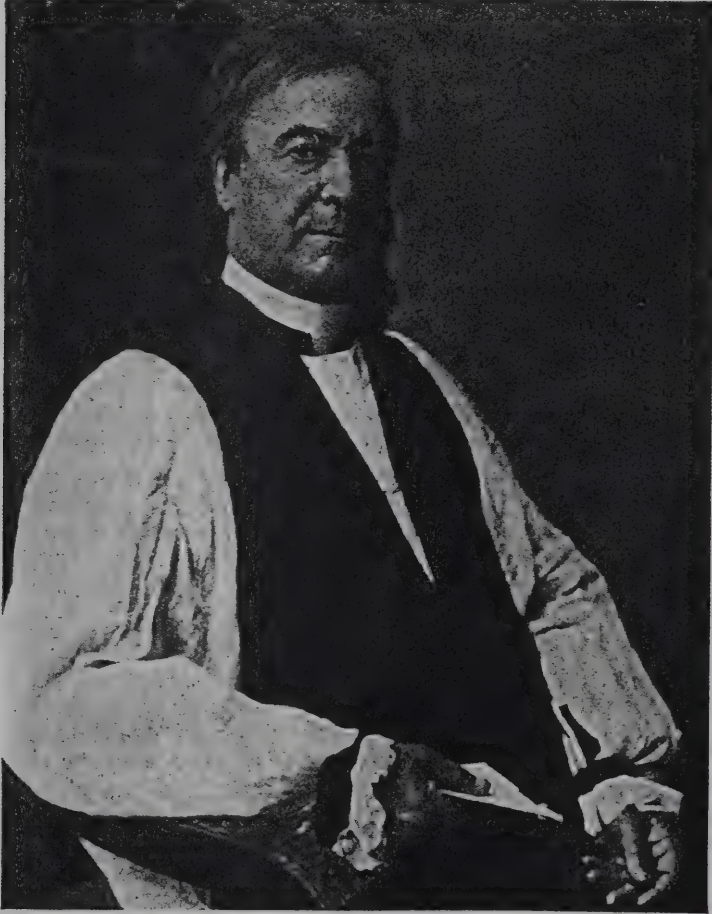
In the conduct of the regular service the prayer for "the President of the Confederate States and all others in authority" was of course not permitted, but its omission and a passive submission to the new order of things was not agreeable to General Butler, and on a Sunday in October, 1862, his adjutant, Col. Geo. H. Strong, entered the church and walking to the lectern stated that inasmuch as the prayer for the President of the United States was not used the church was ordered closed—whereupon Dr. Goodrich dismissed the congregation. Shortly afterwards Dr. Goodrich, with Rev. Dr. Leacock of Christ Church and Rev. Dr. Fulton of Calvary Church, was sent North by the Federal authorities, where they remained until the end of the war.

The Sunday School transferred itself to that of the First Presbyterian Church, where it remained for some months.

Meantime the services of St. Paul's were maintained by Rev. Elijah Guion until September 1, 1865, when Dr. Goodrich returned to the city and resumed his charge, which he continued until July 1, 1867, when he resigned. Rev. W. F. Adams was called to succeed him, and he continued till his election as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona,

being consecrated in St. Paul's January 17, 1875. The congregation tried to dissuade him from his acceptance and a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. McConnell, but he considered it a call to larger duty and went to his new field.

Later he resigned the Bishopric and returned to Vicksburg, Miss., where he served as Rector of Trinity Church

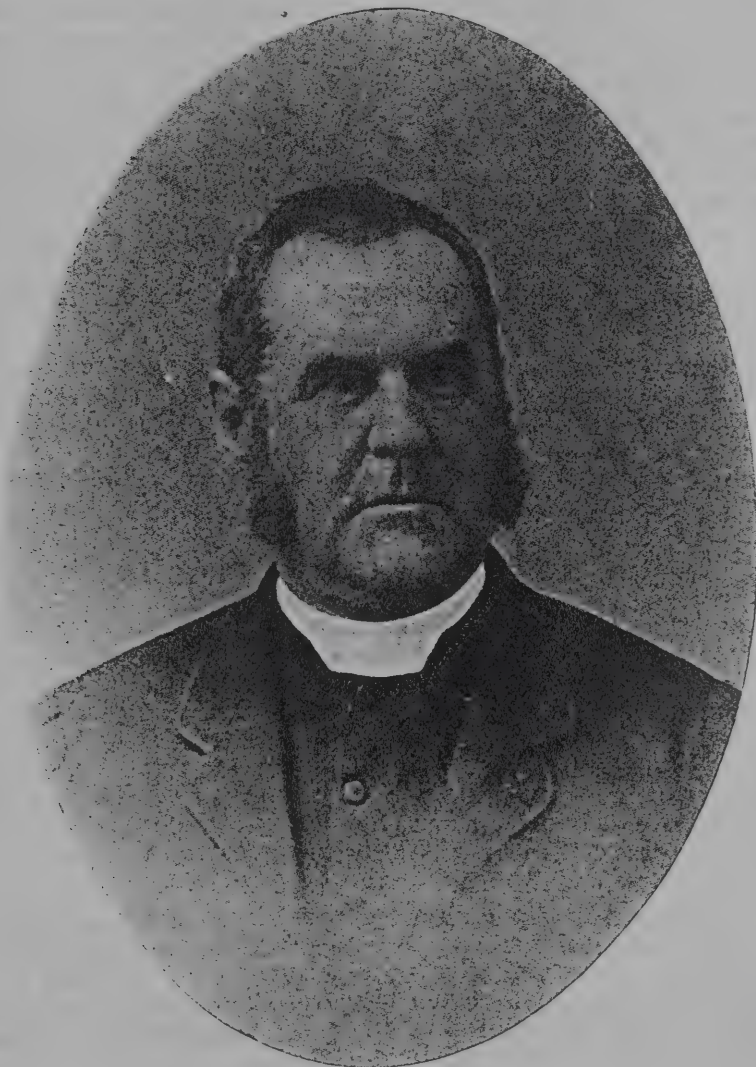


REV. WM. FORBES ADAMS, D. D.  
Rector  
1869-1875

until his election to the Diocese of Easton, Maryland, in 1887. He assumed his duties there in August of that year, where he continued in faithful service till his death, March 5, 1920.

His interest in St. Paul's never ceased and he was always glad to hear of its progress and continued increase in usefulness.

On the resignation of Mr. Adams the temporary charge of the parish was undertaken by Rev. G. R. Upton, and in the latter part of 1875 the Rev. Henry Harcourt Waters was called to the Rectorship.



REV. HENRY HARCOURT WATERS, D. D.  
Rector  
1875-1902

On the occasion of his 25th Anniversary in 1900 he refers to that important event his call to St. Paul's. He states that he had resigned his position as assistant Minister in



St. James Cathedral, Toronto, in June, 1875, and had gone to England whence he returned to New York and had gone to Washington to spend a day with a friend, when he met Bishop Wilmer in the hotel. He had previously met the Bishop in England, and going up to him he introduced himself and recalled the occasion of their previous meeting, and the Bishop exclaimed: "Why, you are the very man I am looking for. I was told by a clergyman in Washington that you had no charge at present and I came on here to see you. The Vestry of St. Paul's Church in New Orleans has asked me to find them a Rector, and I was just going out now to make inquires as to where I would likely find you, for I want you to take that Parish. So we sat down and talked it over --and I left for my new field that night."

This was his introduction to his charge, which he faithfully kept till his demise in 1902.

Coming from his Toronto experience, where Sunday night church services were as largely attended as were those in the morning, Mr. Waters inaugurated (in the summer following his assumption of the Rectorship) a series of Union Night Services following the Lenten Season and extending through the greater part of the summer. These were held alternately in the larger churches and the sermons preached by the several Rectors throughout the city. This was continued for three years.

In the spring of 1878 Mr. Waters was asked by a friend in Montreal to take charge of his parish, while he could make a visit to his parents abroad. Mr. Waters assented and went to Montreal. While he was there occurred the visitation of yellow fever in this city which was declared epidemic August 18th. Immediately on receipt of the tidings, and despite the protests of his friends, he wired to the Vestry, "Will be home as soon I can reach you". The Vestry replied, "Do not risk coming—there is no need", and they received the answer, "I have started".

He immediately took up the work of caring and visiting alike parishioners and strangers and spared himself at no time day or night in his ministrations to the sick and dying. The plague-stricken city was in time relieved of the pestilence, but Mr. Waters had by his example and devotion endeared himself to the whole community.

On December 2, 1878, Bishop Wilmer died and Mr. Waters was one of a committee of Clergy and Laity that accompanied his remains to their interment at Baltimore. Among those who attended from other parishes was Rev. John N. Galleher of Zion Church, New York, soon to be elected his successor.

This took place at a special council of the Diocese held at St. Paul's Church November 12, 1879, whereat his nomination was presented by Mr. Waters and the election made on the second ballot. The consecration followed on February 5, 1880, at Trinity Church.

In 1879 occurred the death of one of the Consecrated Laymen of St. Paul's, Mr. Thomas Sloo. For some time previous, he had been compelled by his illness to absent himself from the regular attendance at the Services of the Church, for which he had labored for over forty years, and to which he had given most generously of his substance and his counsel.

He was buried from the Church he loved so well.

January 23, 1881—Announcement of the death of Mr. Wm. M. Goodrich, one of the founders of the Parish, having been made, he being a brother of the Rev. Chas. Goodrich, the Vestry passed resolutions of appreciation of the generous assistance he had rendered and their sense of the great loss sustained by the parish and the community.

The church had for many years a floating debt and the course of procedure under his predecessor had been to take up an offering for its reduction every year. Mr. Waters in the early part of 1881, announced that an effort for its total extinction (then about \$11,000.00) would be made on Trinity Sunday. He stated that there were members who could give \$1000.00 each and others in various smaller amounts, but that he wanted every member of the Parish to be interested in the matter, and the result of his appeal was an offering of \$12,714.67.

The interest in parochial activities increasing to the extent of the requiring of additional clerical assistance, Mr. Waters while in England in the summer of 1882 engaged Rev. Hugh McNeile Minton as Missionary Curate. Mr. Minton entered on his duties in November of that year, but resigned them after a few months.

In December, 1883, the Sunday League was organized and in its purpose Mr. Waters took the greatest interest.

In 1884, the Bishop Wilmer Society of St. Paul's Church was organized, its object being to merge in one society the various activities of the other kindred branches of the women's work.

In 1885 steps were taken to bring to this country the Rev. Wm. W. Hay, H. H. Aitken, and J. A. Stephens, missionaries of the Church of England. Mr. Waters succeeded in having them consent to conducting a mission in this city, which commenced January 2, 1886, in St. Paul's Church and was continued for over three weeks in St. Paul's, Trinity and

Annunciation Churches, each afternoon and evening, and accompanied by noon-day meetings at Werlein Hall, Baronne and Perdido Streets.

These clergymen were assisted by two ladies, Mrs. Crouch and Miss Parker, who were particularly adapted to draw the attention of women to a consideration of the higher life.

These services increased in attendance and lasting impressions were made on the churches, to be followed by the efforts of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in churches of other denominations shortly after. In this year the Scripture Union was organized by Mr. Waters, its purpose being to have its members read a portion of the same Scriptures daily.

The annual Council of the Diocese of Louisiana met in St. Paul's Church May 5, 1886.

It was at this Council that a resolution was introduced by that sainted layman, J. Burruss McGehee, of St. John's Church, Laurel Hill, looking to the Union of Christians "who hold the Ancient and Apostolic faith in its purity".

This resolution was warmly supported by Mr. Jas. McConnell of St. Paul's and was unanimously passed by the Council and reported to the following Triennial Convention held in Chicago, and then re-introduced to the Lambeth Pan-Anglican Convention in 1889 or 1890.

The distinction therefore of the origin of the desire to conform to the prayer of the "Master" that "all may be one as WE are one" is a hallowed one in the history of St. Paul's.

The resolution is as follows:

The Diocese of Louisiana, in the fear of God, and with a deep sense of love and reverence for the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church in the United States of America, and for the promotion of the honor and glory of God, in the more perfect and complete union and inter-communion of Christians who hold the ancient and apostolic faith in its purity, would most humbly and reverently set forth this memorial to the General Convention of the Church in this land:

That citing the words uttered in prayer by our Divine Lord and Master at the close of the Paschal Supper, and on the immediate event of His betrayal and crucifixion;

"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

"And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them, that they may be one as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me," etc., is a prayer unanswered to this day; and for the non-fulfillment of which denominationalism among Christians is alone responsible.

And impressed with an overwhelming sense of the responsibility of this Church in the premises, we pray the General Convention of this



Church, to be convened in the City of Chicago, in the year of our Lord, 1886, and the 5th day of October thereof, to set forth a memorial to all Christians, as individuals and denominations, declaring:

That most humbly acknowledging the responsibility of this Church, in the negligent discharge of her exalted duties, or the infirmity that pertains to all human instrumentalities, for the differences that divide, and that keep apart all Christendom, causing the deadly sin schism in the body of Christ, our common Lord; which estops the progress of the gospel, opposes the strongest barriers to its forward movement and provides a lodgment and defenses for infidels and heathen alike, as prophesied by our Lord and Master in the prayer above cited; and that for the purpose of healing these multiplied schisms and the bringing together of God's children to one table, to partake of the blessed body and blood of Christ at one altar, and thereby blotting out all differences between godly and righteously disposed persons who hold a common faith, in that most blessed feast of love and holiness;

And without any purpose of proselyting;

But under an overwhelming sense of the necessity of the Divine order in the Church, as handed down from past ages, for the full, perfect and free promulgation of the Holy Gospel to all nations, kindreds and tongues.

This Church does now humbly, devoutly and reverently, and for the sole honor and glory of God, offer to share this divine depositum with all Christian ministers and Christian bodies who love the Lord Jesus Christ, in truth and sincerity, and who, in the bonds of a holy and perfect faith, as symbolized in the Apostles' Creed, shall desire to form that perfect entire and complete union in spirit and in purpose which is contemplated in the words of prayer of the Lord, the Christ, as cited in the foregoing part of this memorial and which can only be accomplished at the Lord's table, in the joint reception of the body and blood of our common Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Therefore your memorialists offer for your prayerful and most earnest consideration the following resolutions, committing them and you to the wise and loving care and guidance of the Holy Ghost:

RESOLVED, By the Council of the Diocese of Louisiana, convened in St. Paul's Church, in the City of New Orleans, on this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1886, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be and is herein most respectfully, humbly and earnestly petitioned to instruct its commission on ecclesiastical relations to abandon the passive policy heretofore followed in respect to those bodies of Christians generally recognized as "Evangelical," and to send overtures in writing to the governing bodies of said several denominations inviting them to conference on the matter of church unity; and further, that the Bishops of said commission be authorized and empowered to visit officially, when practicable, the sessions of such governing bodies for the like purpose.

June 9, 1886, Rev. Dr. Goodrich was unanimously elected Rector Emeritus, and he accepted by letter dated June 18th.

Two active and generous members of the congregation, Messrs. C. M. Whitney and H. T. Howard, undertook in 1887 the interior decoration of the entire church. The style was Gothic and its artistic arrangement and blending of design in coloring was most appropriate.

In 1888, Mr. Waters preached a sermon on the duties of Christian citizenship, which received general and favorable comment and shortly thereafter another in the interest of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

On January 27, 1889, there passed to his rest Rev. Chas. Goodrich, D. D., Rector Emeritus of St. Paul's Church, and on February 3rd, a most touching and eloquent sermon commemorating his long and faithful services was delivered by Mr. Waters.

In 1890 the Young Men's Society of St. Paul's Church was organized and for many years under the leadership of Mr. S. S. Prentiss rendered valued assistance to the Rector.

Mr. Waters had organized at the time a Mission Sunday School for colored children at the Mississippi Valley Hall, 290 South Poydras Street. This was well attended every Sunday afternoon and maintained for nearly two years with Mr. E. Belknap as Superintendent, but the difficulty of obtaining teachers, other than those who had already given their services at St. Paul's in the morning, prevented its continuance.

In 1889 Mr. Waters inaugurated the plan of publishing a year-book of the Parish. This contained a record of the church work for the past year, its projects for the future and a list of all the societies and organizations of the Parish with rolls of officers. The list of births, marriages, deaths and confirmations was also included, and it comprised a full and complete directory. The publication of this interesting and valuable pamphlet was continued during the lifetime of Mr. Waters. Later the work was continued in the form of a monthly publication styled the "Messenger", which appeared about 1907 for ten months, and has since been continued.

Mr. Waters was a firm and steadfast believer in both home and foreign missions, and early in his Rectorship established societies and groups of workers for the various forms of Missionary Activities, chief among which were those for Parish Prison, Charity Hospital, Soldiers' Home, Seamen's Bethel and other institutions, most of which continue their activities today.

Mr. Waters was amongst the originators of the weekly entertainments at the Seamen's Bethel, and of the custom which continues, of an annual entertainment at the Seamen's Bethel by the Young People of the Parish, on the second Saturday of December, for the benefit of the seamen in port.

On the morning of March 23rd, 1891, immediately after the Lenten Service, a fire occurred in the neighborhood of the organ, and in a short time the entire church was involved and it was not extinguished until the roof and the interior with all the church equipment, including the massive thirty-light bronze gasolier, were destroyed or damaged. This included a portion of the church records, which at that time were not kept in a safe or other proper depository.

Mr. Waters announced to his congregation that, pending the reconstruction of the church, services would be held at Ames Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Calliope Street and St. Charles Avenue, where the gracious hospitality of our Methodist brethren was enjoyed, until a few months later, the offer of the use of Temple Sinai on Carondelet Street by Rev. Dr. Heller and his congregation was thankfully accepted and availed of, till the new church was ready for occupancy.

On April 11th, 1891, the Diocesan Council met, whereat Bishop Galleher in consideration of his failing health asked for the election of an assistant, which was granted by the Council, and to this position Rev. Davis Sessums, Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans, was elected. His consecration occurred on June 21st.



REV. HARRY L. FITCH  
Curate  
1891-1893

The erection of the new St. Paul's was made the careful study of the Vestry and, departing from the style of the old church, the new one was on lines following the Oxford type. The plans of four different firms of architects were sub-



mitted and those of McDonald Brothers, of Louisville, Ky., accepted. Advertisements of the work were published in local papers and posted in the Builders' Exchange and the contract was awarded to Messrs. Mahoney & Co., of Memphis. The cost was estimated to be \$90,000.00.

The amount of insurance on the old church was \$38,500, to which were added several donations of \$2500 and others of generous amounts.

Owing to the peculiarities of the soil (as it was prior to the time when the condition thereof had been improved by the sewerage plan) and the increased weight of the stone church, some difficulty was encountered in the erection of the main tower, which entailed delays and added to the cost. Finally, however, these were overcome. The seating capacity of the edifice was modeled after that of auditorium or theater effect, making a gradual descent from the main entrance to the chancel steps so that the seats would all be of equal advantage. These, with the addition of a sounding-board over the pulpit, would be all that was requisite for acoustic comfort and convenience.

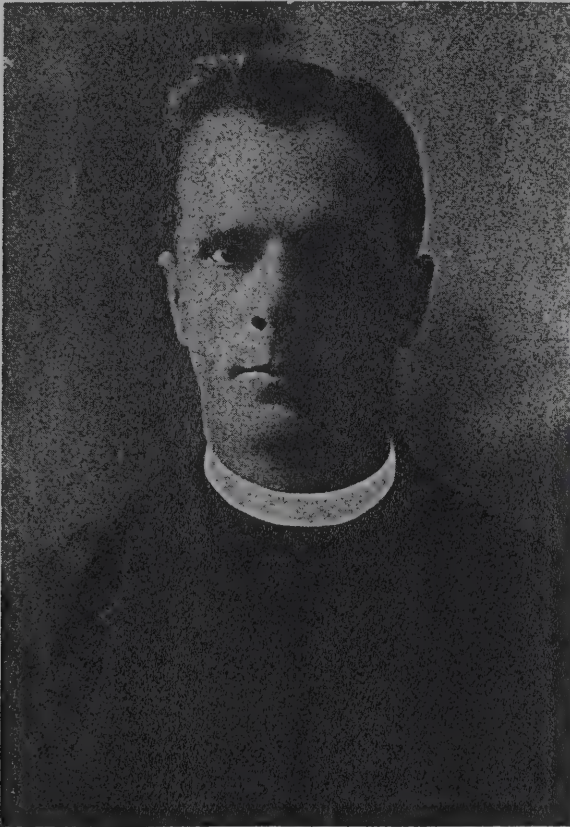
On December 7th, 1891, there passed to his rest the beloved Bishop, John N. Galleher, whose obsequies at Christ Church were attended by a congregation not only of his own people, but by many of social, business and professional prominence in the city. His remains were taken to Louisville, Ky., for interment.

Bishop Sessums then assumed the charge of the Diocese.

On February 28th, 1892, the laying of the cornerstone of the new church took place at 4 o'clock. Bishop Sessums officiated and there were also present Rev. H. H. Waters, his assistant, Rev. H. L. Fitch, Revds. Wm. M. Smiley, John Percival, E. W. Hunter, J. W. Moore, Jos. E. Martin, A. J. Tardy and Peter A. Morgan. The stone simply bore on its face—"ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, A. D. 1839—1854—1892", being the dates of the three buildings which had had this name. A beautiful address was made by Mr. Jas. McConnell, giving facts connected with the life of the Parish. Suitable objects were placed in the box, which was sealed and cemented in the stone.

On Sunday, April 16th, 1893, the first service in the new church was held, as the building was complete. The exterior of the edifice is of Bedford stone and the chaste beauty of the interior was made complete by the paneling of the entire church and the interior of the chancel with marble from Tate, Ga. The seating capacity is 800. The pulpit is of white marble and is a memorial from Mrs. R. E. Rivers to her mother. Mrs. Rivers also carpeted the entire

flooring. The lectern cost \$1000 and was from the Ladies' Parish Aid Society. The baptismal font was from the Sunday School and is a copy of one presented by the late King Edward VII to the Cathedral of Copenhagen and is perhaps the most beautiful in the city. The communion table is also of white Italian marble and bears on its front a representation of the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, and was

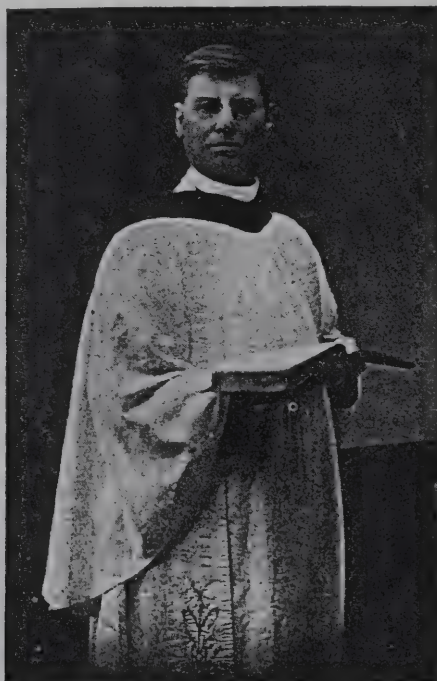


REV. ALBERT R. EDBROOKE  
Curate  
1893-1897

donated by the Chancel Committee. The organ, costing \$7200 was one of the two in this State built by T. J. N. Tallman, of Nyack, N. Y. It was of three manual pedal construction with over fifty stops in combination and contained 2400 pipes. In the chapel the pews were given by Mrs. R. E. Rivers, and the chancel furniture and memorial window by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby.

Bishop Sessums preached the sermon from the text: "See That Thou Make All Things According to the Pattern Showed to Thee on the Mount."

There were present in addition to Rev. Mr. Waters and his curate, Rev. H. L. Fitch, Rev. T. R. B. Trader, Rev. John Wright (Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minn.), Rev. Wm. Hart and Rev. K. S. Guthrie.



REV. A. R. TARRANT  
Curate  
1897-1898

On Sunday, April 3rd, the Rector preached his opening sermon. The offertory on that occasion was \$3434.25.

A particularly graceful and appropriate circumstance connected with the service was the attendance in the front pew of Messrs. Julius Weis, President, Edgar M. Cahn, Secretary, and other officers of the Congregation of Temple Sinai, where for nearly two years the members of St. Paul's had had the privilege of worshipping while the church was being built. The Vestry had passed the resolution conveying the invitation which Mr. Waters sent to the Temple officers, accompanied by a most beautiful and graceful letter of appreciation and thanks for the courtesy rendered.



This invitation was made the subject of commendatory editorial comment in the "Times-Democrat" and the other journals. A similar letter was sent to the authorities of the Ames Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 10th, 1893, Mr. A. R. Edbrooke was ordained Deacon in St. Paul's Church and entered on his duties as curate.

On June 19th, 1894, Mr. Waters received from Jefferson College, one of the oldest institutions in the South, near Natchez, Miss., the degree of Doctor in Divinity.

December 17th, 1894, Bishop Ormsby, of British Honduras, preached in St. Paul's, and later a sermon was delivered by Rev. Hugh R. Haweis, a distinguished English clergyman and author.



REV. GEO. P. BENTLEY  
Curate  
1898-1899

On March 31st, 1895, Dr. Waters preached a powerful sermon on "Social Amusements", in which he commented most forcibly on the perversion of what might be called innocent amusements to those which would lead to others, and which would cast reflection on those who "called themselves Christians".

On June 23rd, 1895, Rev. Mr. Edbrooke was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Paul's by Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson of Mississippi.

In 1896 the envelope system whereby each communicant is morally pledged to contribute weekly to the support of the church was inaugurated.

In April, 1897, Dr. Waters assisted at Christ Church Cathedral in the ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Frederick Roehl.

May 24th—A special meeting of the Vestry was called, whereat a communication from the Rector was read, announcing that he had received a call from another Church and that possibly the financial condition of the Parish might be improved by a change in the Rectorship.

The Vestry then unanimously passed a resolution announcing that the loyalty of the congregation to their Rector would not consent to such a change, and they then proceeded in a body to the Rectory, and after such an assurance Dr. Waters decided to entertain no further proposition of such a nature.

In March, 1898, the Rev. H. M. Parsons, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was invited by the Rector and delivered a series of six Bible Readings in the Chapel of the Church.

On July 31st, of that year, Dr. Waters preached on the Divine way of conquering nations, instancing the sending back to Spain, at the expense of this government, of a large body of Spanish soldiers, at the close of the Spanish-American War.

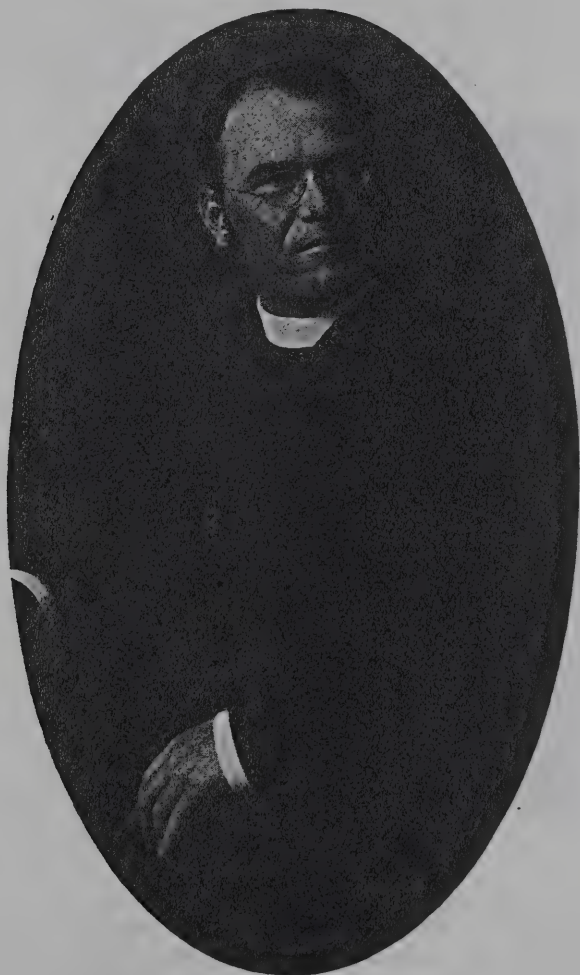
In 1899 Rev. Henry Varley came from England to conduct a series of religious meetings and received the warm support of Dr. Waters during his mission here.

The floating debt of the parish consequent on the erection of equipment of the new church was practically placed on a business footing this year.

Mr. Wm. P. Ross (at that time a Vestryman) suggested the plan of the church debt redemption fund, viz.: there were to be forty individuals or committees to assume each \$1000.00 bond and to contribute not less than \$25.00 each annually on account of his or her bond. Some contributed more than that and the gradual extinction of the bonded debt was provided for, till on May 15th, 1912, a committee of ladies, representing the Ladies' Parish Aid Society and the Chancel Committee, asked permission (at a Vestry Meeting) to solicit subscriptions for the payment in full. As will appear in the records of 1912, their efforts were successful.

In December, 1900, the congregation decided to make public expression of their regard and esteem for Dr. Waters, and as it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Rectorship, a reception was held at the Rectory.

In addition to his own parishioners there was a large attendance of our most prominent citizens in social, pro-



REV. ERNEST A. RENNIE  
Curate  
1900-1905

fessional and religious life, and the Vestry made a substantial expression of their regard and esteem in the presentation of a check of generous amount.

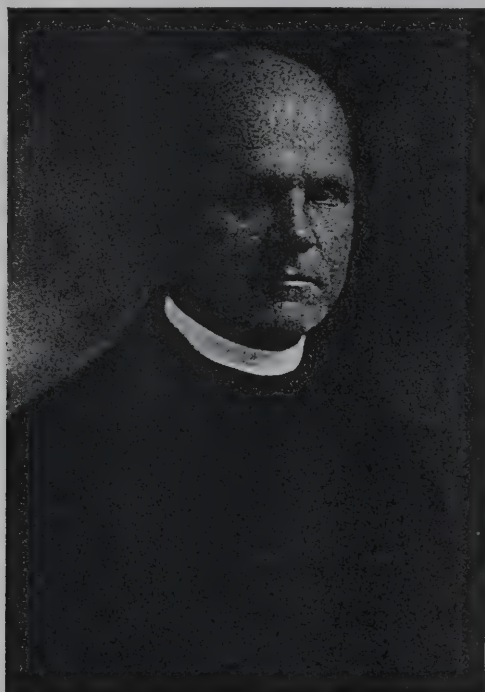


This was followed by a sermon by Dr. Waters, on the following Sunday, retrospective of his work and support in his labors here.

On February 20th, 1901, he assisted in a memorial service, for Queen Victoria, at Christ Church Cathedral.

On June 20th, 1901, he assisted in the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. E. A. Rennie.

Mr. Rennie assisted in the memorial service for President McKinley, in Christ Church Cathedral, September 19th, 1901, as the representative of Dr. Waters, who was then in Canada.



REV. HENRY TELLER COCKE  
Curate  
1901-1902

On November 6th, 1901, Mr. Frank H. Simms, who had served twelve years as organist and choir master, passed to his rest, and his funeral was conducted at the church wherein he had contributed with such fervor and interest for the service of God, by his talents as a musician.

On December 2nd, Mr. Ferdinand Dunkley, also of England, and also a member of the Royal College of Organists, was elected by the Vestry to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Waters meantime was prevented from returning from his usual vacation in Canada by severe illness, from which he never recovered, and on February 2nd, 1902, he was numbered with "His Saints in Glory everlasting". His interment took place at Orillia, Canada, February 10th, 1902.

Expressions of sympathy and regret were received from all peoples and creeds in the city.

February 9th, a memorial service was held in St. Paul's, whereat Bishop Sessums expressed in most fitting and eloquent terms his sense of the great loss sustained by the parish and the community. Three memorial windows in the chancel and a tablet at the side of the pulpit attest in a slight degree the love and regard of Dr. Waters' flock.

A formal memorial service was held on April 15th, whereat appropriate addresses were made by Mr. James McConnell, Senior Warden, Rt. Rev. J. P. DuMoulin, D. D., Bishop of Niagara, Canada, and Rt. Rev. Davis Sessums, D. D. Bishop DuMoulin had been a lifelong friend of the late Rector, and the eloquence of both prelates was never more conspicuous in their reference to the man of God who had labored so conscientiously in this corner of the Master's Vineyard.

## A Real Christian Hero

"Washington (D. C.) Post, February 11.

"On Friday last there died at his summer home, Orillia, Canada, Henry Harcourt Waters, for the past twenty-six years pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Orleans. Perhaps not fifty people in Washington ever heard of him. Even in New Orleans, his largest acquaintance was among the poor, the afflicted, the forlorn. He was not a fashionable preacher. He sought no social eminence, although, as a well-born, well-bred English gentleman, he was entitled to a high place in any set or coterie. The atmosphere of his purely private life was one of culture and refinement. His intimate associations were of the best. But he lived simply, as became a follower of Christ; he was not an importer of cigars and wines for his personal delectation; he was at all times accessible to the humblest claimant of his ministrations; he wore no phylactery; he reeked not of the odor of sanctity, nor yet did he make the tables and the drawing rooms of the wealthy his chief abiding place.

"All this may be said with truth of many other clergymen. It is only the few that alienate and disgust us with their worldly pride, their vulgar ostentation, their greed of social notoriety. But in 1878, this modest, kindly, tender little gen-

tleman performed an act of heroism such as few have rivaled in the long chronicle of quiet self-sacrifice and uncalculating devotion to duty. When the terrible yellow fever of that year broke out in New Orleans, Mr. Waters was in Canada, enjoying his well-earned vacation. He had not then become acclimated. Moreover, nine-tenths of his congregation had left the city, or were immune, and, even had the facts been otherwise, his return to the stricken city offered him scant prospect of usefulness, for he knew nothing of the disease and could be of little, if any, service as a nurse. The chances were ninety-nine in a hundred that he would become a victim to the epidemic within a week. He was young, just beginning his life's work, engaged to marry the woman of his love and reverence. Every personal consideration urged him to remain in Canada. Only the most fantastic views of duty—as things go in a yellow fever epidemic—encouraged him to return to New Orleans. But he did return. He went back into that raging pestilence, serene, fearless, clear-eyed, without a thought of self, filled with the spirit of the Master he not only professed in public but humbly sought to imitate in private. Throughout the dreadful episode, during months when the funeral processions on Canal Street passed, day after day, in almost unbroken sequence, from the hour of his arrival to the very end, he labored among the dying and the dead. And he emerged from the charnel house as quietly as though he had not for one moment departed from the conventional routine.

"Now he is dead, and all New Orleans mourns and honors him. He was a real, not a sham, hero—a hero of the kind that is not celebrated in sensational newspaper headlines, or heralded by brass bands and maudlin acclamation. He was a simple, brave, unquestioning follower of Christ, and his example is precious wherever genuine Christians dwell."

On November 30th, 1902, Rev. Leonard W. Lott, of Jamaica Plains, N. Y., was invited to preach at St. Paul's, and on December 2nd, the Vestry tendered him a call to the vacant Rectorship, which he accepted.

Pending his arrival and assumption of his duties, Rev. T. J. Lacey, sometime of Berkeley, California, and more recently of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, kindly filled the pulpit. Dr. Lacey had made several visits in former years to our city and received most cordial welcome from our people.

On February 7th, 1903, Mr. Lott preached his first sermon in St. Paul's, his text being: "Speak to the Children of Israel That They Go Forward". He delivered a lecture before the Church Club on April 1st.



On March 16th, the memorial window in memory of Mrs. Penelope Lynch Adams Stone on the south side of the church was unveiled. It is one of the largest in the South, being 29 feet in height by 16½ feet in width, and in commemoration of the "Ascension". It cost \$3800 and had been contracted for by the late Dr. Waters; on April 8th, Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered by the choir.

On August 24th, 1905, a general meeting to take action caused by the visitation of yellow fever was held in St. Paul's, whereat addresses were delivered by Bishop Sessums, Mayor Behrman, Col. Earl, and several of the medical profession.

On June 13th, 1906, Mr. Lott, who had suffered bereavement some months previously by the death of his wife, decided to return to his former Northern field of labor, and tendered his resignation of his Rectorship of St. Paul's, which was accepted by the Vestry, and on July 5th, he preached his farewell sermon. Later he removed to Bangor, Maine, where he died.

Temporary service was then conducted by Rev. A. R. Price, who took charge in November.

On February 10, 1907, the pulpit was filled by the Rev. H. J. Mikell of Charleston, S. C., who later received a call to the Rectorship. Mr. Mikell however, in consideration of his own work felt constrained to decline this call, as he not only had a large parish in his own city, but was also deeply interested in the welfare of a boys' school, of which he was chaplain.

On April 17, announcement was made that a tender of the Rectorship to Rev. J. D. LaMothe, Assistant Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., had been favorably considered by that gentleman, and accepted. Mr. LaMothe was born at Ramsay, Isle of Man, in 1868, and had removed to America in 1885. He studied for the Ministry at the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1894. His charges were at Hampton, Va., St. Joseph, Mo. and Washington, D. C.

He assumed charge of the parish on October 6th, his text was: "Moreover, Brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand."

The parish sustained a loss in the death of Seargent S. Prentiss, who had been identified with its work for many years, and had especially given great assistance in the Sunday School in his charge of the Young Men's Bible Class.



Mr. Price, having had a call as Curate of Trinity Church, was made a recipient, as a token of the regard of St. Paul's Sunday School, of a handsome private Communion set.

On March 11th, a lecture was given in St. Paul's by Rt. Rev. J. Philip DuMoulin, Bishop of Niagara, on Layman's Vocation and Ministry in the Church.

On March 18, 1909, the Finance Committee announced that by the systematic reduction of the several bonds of the Church Bond Redemption Scheme there remained only \$2500.00 to be cared for.

October 3rd, Mr. Dunkley, who had faithfully served as organist and choir master, tendered his resignation on account of his removal to Vancouver, B. C.

May 20, 1910, Mr. LaMothe assisted at the memorial service held in Christ Church Cathedral in honor of King Edward VII.

In this month there was repeated the plan, inaugurated in the previous year, of using mite boxes during the absence of parishioners in summer, and with good results.

April 4, 1911, news was received of the death of Bishop DuMoulin, of Niagara, Canada, life-long friend of Dr. Waters, who had so ably filled St. Paul's pulpit on several occasions.

In March, 1912, Mr. LaMothe, received a call to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., where he had previously officiated, but declined it.

Transfer of the original Rectory, 1420 Polymnia St., was made to Mrs. Waters.

May 15, 1912, in reply to a request from the Ladies' Parish Aid Society, to be authorized to take steps towards raising balance of the funds for extinction of the church debt, it was decided that as there were needed repairs, it was deemed inexpedient at this time to give it.

The following extracts from the minutes will show the results of the efforts of the Ladies' Parish Aid Society:

May 27—A Special Meeting of the Vestry was held whereat appeared the following members of the Parish Aid Society and Chancel Committee: Mmes. H. H. Waters, Hammond, McConnell, Anderson, and Miss Krutschmitt.

These ladies announced that in consideration of the fact that there remained a balance due on the bonded debt of \$16,000.00, they had already secured pledges from 25 people, of \$13,000.00, leaving a balance to be raised of \$2900.00, and they were satisfied that the amount could be had by subscriptions. Whereupon the Vestry passed a resolution to reconsider the action taken at the previous meeting and granted the request of the Parish Aid Society and Chancel Committee, who subsequently addressed a circular to the members of the congregation, June 1, 1912, and on Decem-



ber 9, 1912, at the meeting of the Vestry, the Treasurer announced that up to that time the subscriptions were \$13,012.20. From that he had redeemed eleven bonds, (\$11,000.00), and paid the cost of repairs to the church floor and heater, amounting to \$1475.34; the remaining five bonds, (\$5,000.00) were held by the Children's Home and were redeemed from the \$5,000.00 legacy from the estate of Mrs. T. G. Richardson.

Duplex system of Envelopes introduced.

On November 15, 1913, there passed to his rest Charles Morgan Whitney, who had been a member of the Vestry since 1880.

Mr. Whitney was a regular attendant at its meetings and had been honored by the Diocese as one of its Delegates to its Tri-Annual Conventions, and was also a regular member of the Diocesan Councils. His judgment was sound and his donations to the various activities of St. Paul's were constant and generous, especially his interest in the support and maintenance of the Choir. He was a charter member and warm advocate in the maintenance of the Church Club of the Diocese. Nor was his thoughtfulness directed alone to his church, as he was a prominent member of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, now numbered with our most prominent institutions.

Again, on February 17, 1914, St. Paul's was called upon to express its sorrow and render its submission to the ruling of an all-wise Providence which called to his rest William George Coyle, another member of the Vestry, who had been connected with it since 1869, and its Junior Warden since 1884. Mr. Coyle had been connected with the Sunday School prior to the Civil War, and his absence from the activities of the parish work from 1861-65 was caused by his faithful service to the Confederacy, wherein he served as a member of the Washington Artillery.

Returning to the city he took up his church work, and evidenced his loyalty thereto by sound judgment in its management, generous donations to the rebuilding and furnishing of the new church, after the destruction of the second edifice.

Aside from these interests he rendered valuable service as a trustee of the Children's Home, and the Fink Asylum.

May 22nd, 1914—A resolution was introduced by Mr. Belknap that an annual offering be made for the Endowment Fund.

The bonded debt having been finally extinguished, announcement was made that on the Sunday before Advent, November 22, 1914, the church would be consecrated.

This took place on the date appointed, but the celebration of such a happy event was tinged with sadness, for on

the day previous there had passed to his rest Mr. James McConnell, Senior Warden, who had since 1849 been a member of the parish, and Senior Warden since 1884. He had achieved distinction in his chosen profession, the Law, and had been instrumental in the foundation of Tulane University by his counsel and advice to the founders.

In addition to his own duties in the parish, he had been a Delegate to the Diocesan Council since 1852, and a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese since 1874, and had been Chancellor of the Diocese since 1887.

December 23, 1915, there appears the statement showing the cost of the church up to that date was \$105,042.00.

In 1916, Dr. LaMothe received a call from the Church of the Ascension, Baltimore, Md., which, after careful consideration, he accepted, and moved to his new field in June, with the consciousness of service faithfully rendered, while here, and with the love and affection shared with his flock by the whole community. Later he was elected Bishop of Hawaii, where he is now rendering faithful service.

June, 1916, retinting and alterations in the chancel were effected at a cost of \$1105.00; this work was at the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Hendren, who gave it his personal supervision.

The Vestry, having taken into consideration a successor to Dr. LaMothe, appointed Messrs. F. H. G. Fry, and Edwin Belknap, who visited Philadelphia, and called upon the Rev. Alfred R. Berkeley, rector of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, attached to the Church of the Holy Apostles.

Mr. Berkeley was a Southerner, having been born in Tennessee. He studied for the Ministry in the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1904, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He spent the first seven years of his Ministry in North Carolina, his principal charge being Mayodan, a cotton mill town; and in 1911, he removed to Philadelphia.

Mr. Berkeley took the call to St. Paul's into careful consideration and finally accepted it; he assumed charge of the parish in November, 1916. Coincident with his arrival was the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Episcopate of Bishop Sessums, and the consecration of Christ Church Cathedral.

Mr. Berkeley was most energetic in formation of means whereby the members of the congregation should meet more frequently in social intercourse, and inaugurated that plan by a dinner for men and older boys, on January 17, 1917.

It was at this time that the Church Pension Fund made its first appeal for regular and systematic contribution for the ensuing five calendar years. Mr. Berkeley was insistent

and energetic in the presentation of the claims of that most worthy cause, and later, that of the nation-wide campaign.

In October, 1917, the Sunday School entering upon its duties for the ensuing church year, adopted the Christian Nurture Series of grades and instructions, which caused increased interest in that branch of the parish organization.

The Great War of 1917 having commenced, St. Paul's, under its Rector, did its full share, providing its full quota, in men and contributions, to the cause. The Service Flag carries on its folds one gold star for Donald Bradburn, killed October, 1918, whose letters, written shortly before that date, were given an honored place in the Messenger of December, 1918.

## St. Paul's Honor Roll In the Great War

"GOD save our splendid men,  
Send them safe home again;  
GOD save our men  
Keep them victorious, patient and chivalrous  
They are so dear to us;  
GOD save our men."

Wayne G. Borah  
Muir Bradburn, M. D.  
Donald Bradburn  
Waldorf Brown  
John Dickson Bruns  
Sam'l Logan Belknap  
Eleanor B. Bridges  
Watt. T. Cluverius  
Vivian C. Daubert  
Gilbert Cummings Elmer  
Davis De Treville  
Edwin Hunter Frith  
Gary Gillis  
Caroline Goodwin  
Henry Goodwin  
Frank Groves  
W. Scott Hammond  
J. Biddle Hammond  
James T. Harris, Jr.  
Emile Henry Harris

Charlotte Hill  
Frederick Horner  
William F. Hutson  
Miles B. Hutson  
Albert L. Hutson  
Laurie Huck  
James D. King  
Wm. Hardy Hendren, Jr.  
Rosswell King  
Shelby King  
Herbert H. Moses  
Frank Knight  
Jno. W. Labouisse  
William Huger Labouisse  
John D. Little  
Andrew M. Lockett, Jr.  
James N. McConnell  
Logan McConnell  
Charles P. Morrill

E. Donald Nicholson  
John T. O'Farrall, M. D.  
Gordon Pascoe  
Julien G. Pendergrast  
Patrick H. Pollard  
John Pratt, M. D.  
Austin Reese  
John W. Sherritt  
Lyal G. Shiell  
William Shiell  
John Shiell  
Gibson Stevenson  
Palfrey Stevenson  
Archibald Glenn Taylor  
James Todd  
Vesta A. Tanguis  
F. Geddings Tupper  
John Veazie  
Arthur Carroll Waters

In December, 1917, the question of the abolition of the Rented Pew System of the church was taken before the Vestry; it was decided to refer the matter to a general meeting of the congregation, which was held in the church December 16, 1917. The vote thereon was as follows:

For adoption of the Free Pew System.....152

Against ..... 2

December 5th, 1917—A \$1000 Liberty Bond was given anonymously through the Rector to be used as a nucleus for Endowment Fund.



March, 1918, attention of the Vestry was called to the necessity of general repairs to the organ; in March, 1919, it was again brought before the Vestry; the music committee stated it could be done for about \$7500.00, which would make it practically a new instrument, with no superior in the city; that the cost be met by subscriptions, pledged for five years, of which checks for \$3000.00 had been made. The matter was approved and the work ordered done May 29, 1919. The committee reported that a contract for the work had been made, at a cost of \$8250.00, and to be completed by October 1st. That was done and the bill was paid by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc, Treasurer of the Church, and only a small balance remains to be refunded.

May, 1920, the Rector announced that he had engaged Mr. Joseph S. Ditchburn, at present studying for the Ministry, to be a Lay Reader during the Summer Session.

November 28, 1920, an every-member-canvass of the parish was taken.

May, 1921, Mr. Ditchburn having been advanced to the Diaconate accepted a call as Curate of St. Paul's, effective September 1. He was advanced to the Priesthood in St. Paul's in 1922.

Mr. Ditchburn was born in Rosseau, Canada, studied at Toronto University and Trinity College, Toronto, where he received his A.B. degree. He enlisted in the 19th Canadian Battalion in 1914, was wounded in Flanders; in 1915 he was promoted to a lieutenancy, and served until the end of the war, when he returned to Trinity College for Theological training.

Mr. Ditchburn at an early date had become deeply interested in the work of interesting young people, to which attention had been called by Rev. Gordon Reese. Under his direction a chapter of the Young People's Service League was founded and soon became the leading one of the Diocese. His particular adaptability for this branch of the work gained for him a distinction that was ultra-Diocesan, and he received several calls from other parishes.

In 1925, on account of the inability of the Parish to render him compensation commensurate with his work, he accepted a call to Broadmoor, Detroit, Mich., to which new field of duty he removed in November with the sincere regret of the congregation.

May, 1922, the Rector called attention of the congregation to the need of a larger Parish House.

Mr. Berkeley had been the recipient of several calls to other churches, during his Rectorship, and had declined all,

until he received a call from St. John's Church, Roanoke, Virginia. He announced to the congregation that he had given the matter prayerful consideration, and had come to the conclusion that he could render more efficient service to the Master in the new field; while regretting the necessity of the severance of the ties which bound him to St. Paul's, he had concluded to visit the new field.

This he did, and on Sunday, May, 1926, he announced his acceptance of the call and in the week following tendered his resignation, to become effective either July 1st, or October 1st, as the Vestry deemed best. It was with sincere regret that the Vestry felt constrained to heed the Rector's wishes, and accept his resignation effective July 1st. Regret of his decision was expressed by the members of the New Orleans Ministerial Alliance, and was also attested by the editorial expressions in the columns of the local papers.

On the evening of June 10th the congregation gathered at a charming farewell reception, at the home of Mrs. Waters, in Polymnia Street, to say good bye, and quite a number of the parishioners gathered at the railroad station, to wish him farewell, on June 24th.

On July 13th, then passed to his rest, Mr. C. B. Coate. For many years he and his family had been active members of St. Paul's.

Mr. Coate had rendered valuable services in the conduct of the financial interests of the Parish, and for some time had kindly acted as assistant-treasurer.

His daughters had also been energetic in parochial activities, and in the Choir, and the eldest was married to Rev. Mr. Ditchburn.

The matter of a successor to Mr. Berkeley then engaged the earnest attention of the Vestry. Suggestions as to name of one who would conserve the traditions and churchmanship of the parish were then invited, and the two committees were sent to interview certain clergymen as to their giving favorable consideration to a call.

Meantime, Rev. Chas. L. Monroe, who had recently resigned his Rectorship of a church in Marshall, Texas, and was committed to a course of mission work until November, was invited to fill the pulpit till that time.

Mr. Monroe accepted the invitation and on July 5th preached his first sermon.

From the date of his arrival Mr. Monroe engaged the attention which ripened into the regard and affection of the congregation, whose attendance at services (morning and evening) in mid-summer was unparalleled.

A general announcement was made to the Vestry that a further investigation of prospective candidates for the Rectorship was entirely useless, as Mr. Monroe had fully measured up to the standard of efficiency and fitness for the position. The Vestry having fully considered the matter, thereupon extended to Mr. Monroe the call to the Rectorship.

Mr. Monroe met the Vestry and stated that favorable consideration of the matter would be based on the fulfillment of his engagements for mission work, above mentioned. The Vestry assented thereto and on September 2nd the congregation was notified of Mr. Monroe's acceptance.

Mr. Monroe is a native of New York and a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary. His first charges were in Virginia and Maryland and then at Marshall, Texas.

His acceptance of the Rectorship is based on his conclusion and heartfelt conviction that it is a matter of Divine Guidance, and so, with a Congregation and its Head in full accord, the future of the Parish is not one of doubt.

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## The General Convention

The fact of the necessity of holding one of its tri-ennial sessions in a city of extreme southern location caused the delegates of the diocese to the convention held in Portland, Oregon, in 1922, to request that the session of 1925 be held in this city. This was strongly urged upon the floor of the house of Bishops by our own Diocesan, Bishop Sessums, and ably and eloquently placed before the house of Deputies by our delegates, Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Coupland, Owens and Slack, and Messrs. Soady, Kearny, Fry and Turner. The result was the acceptance of the invitation.

Preliminary organization of committees to undertake the multitudinous details was effected a year in advance, and the services rendered by Rev. Mr. Berkeley and by Messrs. Fry, Hayward, Davis and other members of the committees contributed to the success of the undertaking.

The Convention opened on October 1st with a monster open air service, held under the Oaks in Audubon Park, with all the visiting clergy, and a union chorus of all the members of the various churches of the city participating. The business sessions were held in the Athenaeum, and Jerusalem Temple, located at St. Charles Avenue and Clio, just one block from St. Paul's; because of this a special Prayer Service was held every week-day morning, and a constant attendance was had at all the services, daily and Sunday, in the church.



On Tuesday, October 5th, at 8 p. m., Rt. Rev. G. G. Bennett of Duluth, Minn., conducted the quiet-hour of the opening service of the Women's Auxiliary in St. Paul's Church.

It is important to mention that the sentence of deposition from his sacred office of Bishop Wm. M. Brown was pronounced at St. Paul's.

The many friends of Bishop LaMothe, of Hawaii, a former Rector of the parish, were delighted with the opportunity of greeting him again.

The preachers at St. Paul's during the General Convention were:

Bishop Roots of China on the Sunday night preceding the Convention.

On the first Sunday of the Convention, Bishop Charles E. Woodcock of Kentucky in the morning; and the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, President of the House of Deputies, in the afternoon. Dr. Stires is now Bishop of Long Island.

On the second Sunday, the Rt. Rev. Wilson R. Stearly, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Newark, was the preacher, and in the afternoon the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mann, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Bishop LaMothe preached on the Sunday morning before the Convention, and the Rt. Rev. J. Pointz Tyler the Sunday following the Convention. Bishop Murray was elected Presiding Bishop in St. Paul's, where the Missionary Bishops were also elected.

The official Early Service was held there every morning, and the Bishops in order of their seniority conducted it.

It is worthy of mention that the grass plot on the Gaiennie Street side of the church was ornamented by the planting of small palms and other shrubbery, under the superintendence of Mrs. Fry.

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## The Vestry

The DUTIES OF A VESTRY are prescribed by the Canons of the Church, but aside from those incumbent upon these officials it has been providential in the administration of the affairs of St. Paul's, that the business judgment of the several members mentioned herewith, comprising those men prominent in commercial, legal and professional life, have been of the highest character. Some have passed on to the higher life, some remain, and some, owing to the plan of rotation in office, recently adopted, having retired from active participation in the administration, are still earnest and constant workers for the parish as members thereof.

At the meeting of March 13, 1922, the Vestry adopted the plan of rotation in office, and three of the members present voluntarily agreed to retire from the Vestry at the close of their present terms of office. Further, that the Vestry, with the exception of the two Wardens, are divided by lot, into three groups, of three, three, and two, to retire from office in the order designated, on Easter Monday, 1923, 1924, and 1925, respectively. Further, that the members elected to fill vacancies each year retire from office after four years of continuous service.

In addition to those already named the following have served as Vestrymen:

Amory, Chas. B.	Foxley, Fred. J.	Prentiss, S. S.
Arny, Chas. W.	Fry, F. H. G.	Pettit, C. B.
Arny, Louis C.	Geoghegan, Sam	Parker, Wm.
Anderson, Douglas	Girault, W. W.	Rivers, R. C.
Blair, Joseph P.	Hammond, W. J.	Rainey, Jno. S.
Belknap, Edwin	Hayward, Sawyer	Roberts, T. H.
Biscoe, Bennett	Hayward, Jas. D.	Rogers, Samuel B.
Buckner, H. W.	Hayward, Wm. B.	Ross, Wm. P.
Clark, S. W.	Howard, Harry T.	Sawers, Jas.
Calder, John	Hendren, W. H.	Snodgrass, Samuel
Coate, C. B.	Jones, E. W.	Smith, Archie M.
Coleman, Lloyd R.	LeBlanc, Alfred	Sloo, Thomas
Cousin, D. R.	Labouisse, H. R.	Sloo, Thomas, Jr.
Cluverius W. T.	Labouisse, John P.	Suthon, Walter J.
Coulon, S. W.	Lacour, Ovide	Strack, H. B.
Cunningham, Wm.	Logan, Dan'l P.	Terriberry, Geo. H.
Coyle Wm. G.	McBryde, J. M.	Trufant, S. A.
Day, Jas. B.	McCandlish, James	White, Jas. A.
Davis, Bemis N.	McConnell, Jas.	Whitney, Chas. M.
Doswell, J. Temple	Medus, G. W.	Williams, M. F.
DeWolf, W. H.	Minnegerode, C.	Wood, Jas. T.
Edbrooke, A. R.	Oliver, Oscar	Waters, A. C.

## Delegates to Diocesan Conventions

Amory, C. B.	Fry, F. H. G.	Logan, Dan'l P.
Arny, L. C.	Girault, W. W.	McConnell, James
Addison, John	Hayward, Sawyer	Minnegerode, C.
Biscoe, Bennett	Hayward, J. D.	Prentiss, S. S.
Belknap, Edwin	Hammond, W. J.	Rogers, Sam'l B.
Calder, John	Hendren, W. H.	Sawers, Jas.
Clark, S. W.	Howard, H. T.	Snodgrass, Sam'l
Coyle, Wm. G.	Hogan, Jno. W.	Smith, Archie M.
Coate, C. B.	Jones, Ernest W.	Terriberry, Geo. H.
Cunningham, Wm.	Labouisse, H. R.	Whitney, Chas. M.
Davis, B. N.	Levy, Frank L., Jr.	Wood, James T.
DeWolf, W. H.	LeBlanc, Alfred	Williams, Milton

## Delegates to General Conventions

### CLERICAL

Rev. W. F. Adams  
Rev. Jno. D. LaMothe

Rev. H. H. Waters  
Rev. A. R. Berkeley

## Laity

Jas. McConnell  
F. H. G. Fry

Chas. M. Whitney

The following served as officers:

SENIOR WARDEN	
Daniel P. Logan	W. G. Coyle
James McConnell	Alfred LeBlanc
JUNIOR WARDEN	
James McConnell	Alfred LeBlanc
W. G. Coyle	Edwin Belknap
SECRETARY	
Alfred LeBlanc	Bemis N. Davis
J. Temple Doswell	Milton F. Williams
TREASURER	
Alfred LeBlanc	Archie M. Smith
ASSISTANT TREASURER	
Bemis N. Davis	Julius Strack
C. B. Coate	

## Societies and Guilds

PARISH AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.....	Organized	1885
BEARING BLOSSOM MISSIONARY SOCIETY.....	"	1889
CHANCEL COMMITTEE .....	"	1906
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, LA. BRANCH .....	"	1886
FRIENDS OF THE SILENT.....	"	1890
MUSICAL ASSOCIATIONS .....	"	1896
KING'S DAUGHTERS (HELPING HAND CIRCLE).....	"	1890
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE LEAGUE.....	"	1922
MEN'S CLUB .....	"	1922
BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH .....	"	1890
JUNIOR BRANCH OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.....	"	1895
CHAPTER 1456, BROT'HOOD OF ST. ANDREW.....	"	1896
FAITHFUL WORKERS .....	"	1892
CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE .....	"	1924
BOY SCOUTS .....	"	1916
JUNIOR CHAPTER B'HOOD OF ST. ANDREW .....	"	1925

## The Faithful Women

In his address to the Diocesan Council in 1890, Bishop Galleher referring to the "Departure hence" of some of the church women, called most appropriate attention to the fact by stating:

"Of Godly women, not a few have folded their meek hands of service, and gone with the balms and spices of their holy lives, to meet the risen Lord—They walk in Saintly White, for they were worthy."



And the foregoing tribute is most appropriate for the long line of worthy women of St. Paul's, who from its origin have contributed most thoroughly and efficiently to its great mission. For obvious reasons it is not possible here to attempt to enumerate them, but it may not be considered indiscreet if attention is called to the names of the Misses Bein, Dykers, Mmes. Palfrey, Doane, Pritchard, Hayward, McCandlish, Leeds, Reed, Randall, McConnell, McCann, Nelson, Peters, Shakespeare and Siebrecht, who in ante-bellum times rendered efficient services in church activities. References is made on previous pages of services rendered by the Sewing Societies and kindred Guilds but no record is obtainable of those organizations.

There are, however, minutes of the St. Paul's Church Missionary Society dating from June 23rd, 1880, whereat appear the names of Mrs. T. J. Stewart, President, Mmes. C. M. Whitney and N. Coleman, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Doane, Secretary, and Mrs. R. D. Weightman, Treasurer.

There also appear the names of Mmes. S. B. Rogers, D. P. Logan, E. A. Palfrey, U. Wolfe, W. G. Coyle, Applegate, Whitlow, C. W. Hayward, and Miss Sully.

The object of this society as stated in their Constitution was to promote information upon Missionary subjects and obtain funds for that work, especially in the Diocese of Louisiana and to prepare information and forward boxes to clergymen. December 6, 1882, Mrs. E. J. Wharton was elected President; Mmes. Waters and Whitney, Britton, Cunningham and Sam Logan, Vice-Presidents; Mmes. Horter and Coyle, Secretaries, and Mrs. Charles Amory, Treasurer.

The minutes record various donations to country parishes and visitations to respective city institutions.

In 1884, the names of Laura P. Jones appears as Chairman and Acting Secretary, and in 1886, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby was elected Treasurer and Mrs. L. S. Chapman, Secretary. The Society also reports thirty subscriptions to the "Spirit of Missions".

The minutes of the Women's Parish Aid Society follow from July 1, 1885, and evidence an interest in visitations to city institutions and assistance to deserving members of the parish and are signed by Mrs. M. L. Cluverius, Secretary, and by Mrs. A. N. Wolfe in 1889. The record of the members present at the April meeting show the names of Mmes. Coyle, Cluverius, Campiglio, DeWolfe, Jamison, Labouisse, Rodd, Rivers, Sawers, Seymour, Mathers, Girault and Wolfe and also that a donation of \$50.00 towards expenses of Georgina Suthon, Missionary to Japan, from St. Paul's.

The subsequent minutes close with January, 1896, and amongst them appear the names of Cora R. Pritchard, Chairman, and Eliza Greenwood, Delegate.

In January, 1924, the Church Service League of St. Paul's Church was formed.

The four existing organizations in St. Paul's Church—1) The Woman's Auxiliary, 2) The Chancel Guild, 3) The Parish Aid Society, 4) The Children's Home Chapter, all joined together to form the League. Each society retains a chairman and there is a general chairman of the League. One meeting is held every month at which reports are read and the business of all four organizations is transacted.

The Circles, which on account of their location, and through their respective leaders, get in touch closely with all the women in the parish, carry out the church's program in the Five Fields of Service. Mrs. G. H. Terriberry was the first General Chairman of the Service League. Mrs. John M. McBryde is now the Chairman.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. F. J. Foxley, Chairman, carries out the missionary work of St. Paul's. The Auxiliary takes care of the church's program, meets the missionary calls or any "specials", and completes our share of the Diocesan quota.

The Parish Aid Society, Mrs. W. J. Hammond, Chairman, began in 1924 to pay off the organ debt. Through the Circles they are now undertaking to liquidate this obligation, and they also keep up the regular work of helping the sick and needy of the parish. Mrs. Thomas Stubbs is now the Chairman.

The Chancel Guild, Mrs. Archie Smith, Chairman, is carrying on the regular duties of the Guild, the furnishing and care of Communion linen, of vestments for clergy and choir, the upkeep of the Chancel and the furnishing of flowers for the altar. Mrs. Fred Brencley is Chairman of Flower Committee and Mrs. Ole K. Olsen, Vice-Chairman.

The Children's Home Chapter, Mrs. Harry Labouisse, Chairman, has helped to raise our Christmas Offering, to "do over" various room in "the home", to give aprons, and furnish "treats" for the children and to help with the Milk Fund. The Chapter gave \$100.00 towards the Emergency and Recreation Fund this summer.

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## The Chancel Committee

The functions of this important branch of the ladies' activities are many; as its title implies, it has charge of the

arrangements for the celebration of the Holy Communion; the providing of flowers for the Table; the arrangements of the Lessons for the day; and many other matters, such as providing proper vesting of the clergy and choir.

Recently it has originated the custom of apportioning the Sundays into Memorial Days, that those who wish may commemorate the "Passing Hence" of some dear one; and thereby provide flowers for the day.

The earliest reference to this committee appears in the Minutes of January 6, 1906; a meeting was held after the celebration of the Epiphany Service, by Dr. Lott, attended by Miss Kruttschnitt, Chairman, Mrs. C. L. Prevost, Secretary, Miss Waters, Treasurer, and Mmes. Waters, Hammond, Terriberry, Behrens, Fry, and Miss Jeannette Belknap. In April, 1906, a contribution of \$25.00 to the Church Bond Redemption Fund was made, and in November, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby very generously donated a cross, vase and book stand for the Communion Table in the chapel.

The Committee, in addition to its other duties, has always attended to the collection, and distribution among those in need, of the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, given by members of the congregation. In 1911, Mrs. C. O. Elmer was elected Secretary, and in 1912, Mrs. J. Temple Doswell was elected Treasurer.

The last entry in the Minute Book appears under date of January 17, 1923. The following appear as members of the various committees: Mmes. J. Temple Doswell, Page, Peterson, Dobbins, Stubbs, Culver, Fry, Foxley, D. Anderson, Unsworth, Terriberry, O'Ferrall, Elmer, Harvey, Hendren, A. Smith and Misses D. Coate, Bessie Keen, Burton, Snodgrass, Whitlow, Mmes. Keen, Burton, Waters, A. Bisland, Schmidt and J. Labouisse.

It is but fitting to make especial mention of the excellent work performed, and faithful service rendered, by Miss Alma Kruttschnitt, who presided over the activities of the committee from its organization until her departure from the city in 1913.

Mrs. Fred Brenchley is at present Chairman of the Flower Committee and Mrs. Ole K. Olsen is Vice-Chairman.

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## The Children's Home Chapter

This efficient auxiliary of the women of the parish in the domestic administration of this Diocesan institution was organized in May, 1916, and it became a working society in November of that year. The twofold purpose of the chapter



was in accord with similar branches in the other churches in the city and the various parishes of the Diocese, viz: to increase the interest of church people in its maintenance by subscriptions or other donations and in rendering any other assistance to the Sisters of Bethany, who have for half a century so creditably administered its affairs.

Amongst the results of the efficiency of the chapter may be mentioned the installation of an additional bath-room, heaters, a cooking range, refitting the nursery and other items. In addition to the above, they have established a Milk Fund for the purpose of supplying a liberal supply of milk and butter. The chapter also has inaugurated the plan of furnishing material for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and also providing entertainments.

St. Paul's Church is the second largest contributor in the Diocese to the fund for the maintenance of the Home, and the Chapter has contributed most liberally to its annual quota.

The present officers are: Mrs. H. R. Labouisse, Chairman; Mrs. W. J. Hammond, Chairman Recreation Fund.

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## The King's Daughters

In 1889, ten members of St. Paul's Church organized the Helping Hand Circle with Mrs. R. E. Rivers as Leader, Miss Bettie Whitlow (now Mrs. E. A. Rennie) as Secretary and Miss Mattie Cluverius (now Mrs. J. T. Eastwood) as Treasurer. In 1905, the Helping Hand Juniors were organized with Eleanor Marshall, Leader, Miss Josie Shaw (now Mrs. Frank Hopkins) Secretary, and in 1911, developed into Seniors and the name was changed to the Ministering Circle.

Some of the work carried on by the Louisiana branch are the children's annex to the Home for Incurables, which was built and dedicated in 1905; two rooms furnished in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in 1904, known as the Sophie B. Wright and the King's Daughters' rooms; "Rest-awhile", a summer home for those in need of rest, situated on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Anderson as a memorial to Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rodd, was opened in 1905, which each year about three hundred guests are given free transportation and two weeks' vacation without expense; headquarters maintained where clothing is given to the needy; the nursery for Protestant Baby Boys, which was opened in the past year in the Seventh Street Orphan Asylum in 1923, but is now located at 1207 Carrollton Ave.

While coöperation in all of these various activities connected with the International organization and the State branch is given, the Helping Hand and Ministering Circles feel that one of their first duties is to assist as far as possible in the charitable and benevolent work in the parish of St. Paul's Church, ministering to the needs of many, both in a material and spiritual way. Many articles of clothing are distributed, rents paid, the sick cared for, etc., and doing whatever can be done to assist the Rector in the many calls that come to him along these lines. Both circles have assisted for many years towards the support of a Protestant Missionary who gives her entire time to ministering to the patients in the Charity Hospital. The members of the Circles render much personal service in visiting the shut-ins in the various institutions and also help in having services for them. They also help to care for the orphan children.

The present officers are: Helping Hand Circles—Miss Violette M. Bell, Leader, Mrs. P. A. O'Dell, Secretary and Miss Grace Thompson, Treasurer; Ministering Circle—Miss Eleanor Marshall, Leader, Miss Mollie Picou, Secretary and Miss Andrina Bradford, Treasurer.

## Sunday School (1)

	SUPERINTENDENT	ASSISTANTS
1889	Mr. Jas. T. Wood	Mr. S. S. Prentiss
1890	Rev. Harry L. Fitch	Mr. A. R. Edbrooke
1891-92	Rev. Harry L. Fitch	Mr. F. H. G. Fry
1893	Mr. James A. Ross	
1894 to	} Rev. A. R. Edbrooke	Mr. F. H. G. Fry
1896		
1897		
1898	Rev. Geo. P. Bentley	Mr. F. H. G. Fry
1899	"	Mr. J. Temple Doswell
1900	Rev. E. A. Rennie	"
1901	Mr. F. H. G. Fry	"
1902	"	"
1903	"	"
1904	"	"
1910	"	"
1910	} Mr. J. Temple Doswell	
1911		
1912	} Mr. F. H. G. Fry	
1926		
1919	}	Asst. Mr. Milton F. Williams
1921		Secretary Mr. Oscar Oliver
1921		
1926		

From 1921 to 1925 Rev. Jos. S. Ditchburn was Director of Religious Education.

There are no records available which will give information as to the Sunday School of St. Paul's prior to the Civil War. The Superintendent was Mr. James McConnell, and

the arrangement of the several rooms in the basement of the second church made it very convenient for the use of the classes. Dr. Goodrich had the custom of requiring every scholar arriving at a certain age to answer publicly questions from the catechism, and this procedure was attended by the award of a book.

In 1881 appeared the first number of Christmas carols, and the regular program for the celebration that year; similar celebrations were had on Easter Day, and annually thereafter.

In 1889, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society gave to each scholar who subscribed to its objects a handsomely lithographed certificate upon which appeared the name of the rector, teacher of the class, in addition to those of the officials of the society. The classes were named, such as, "Faithful Laborers", "King's Messengers", etc., and were officered by Misses Fannie Work, Laura Wall, (Mrs. F. H. G. Fry), M. Coyle, (Mrs. George F. Wharton), Annie Scott (Mrs. W. J. Hammond), Alma Kruttschnitt, Louise Lloyd, Cora Pritchard, Dora Labouisse, Elise Coulon, Bertha Leeds, Lizzie Work, Ada Leeds, Phœbe Girault, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stewart, Mrs. M. F. Whitlow, Messrs. A. LeBlanc, F. M. Norman, P. L. Coate, J. W. Gresham, S. S. Prentiss, and E. Belknap.

Mr. James McConnell inaugurated the custom of giving at Easter a gold medal to each boy and girl who brought the largest number of scholars during the year.

In 1891 there appear several additions to the roll of teachers; such as, Miss Mary Scott, Edith McCerran, Miss Fanny Suthon, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Mrs. H. R. Labouisse, Miss Gissy Burton, Miss Mattie Cluverius, Miss Hattie Mason, Mr. A. R. Price.

In 1894-5 appear the names of these teachers: Misses Healy, Annie Eustis, Bertie Hayward, Fanny Hedges, Kitty Labouisse, Marie Prevost, Mrs. Charles O. Elmer.

In 1900-'01 additional names of teachers were: Miss Aminta Fonda, Bessie Woodcock, E. Marshall, May Waters.

In 1904-'10 additional teachers were: Miss Louetta Whaley, Mrs. W. G. Horner, Miss Erie Waters.

In April, 1916, on account of scanty accommodations for the school consequent on growing, it was decided to build a kindergarten annex to the Parish House (in the yard) of a building 36x18 feet, the work to cost about \$1000.00. It was dedicated on Trinity Sunday, 1917. This was the outgrowth of the splendid work undertaken by Mrs. F. H. G. Fry, with her no less energetic assistants Misses Alma Hammond, Andrina Bradford, Ava Williams, Zelia Lawrason.

The course of tuition is of the kindergarten method, and the attention to this instruction by these little ones is evi-



denced by the exhibitions thereof, especially at the Christmas and Easter celebrations of the Sunday School.

In 1922, Rev. Mr. Ditchburn, conceived the idea of the division of the Sunday School into three departments; the Primary, under Mrs. Fry; the Junior, under Miss Eugenia Poole (a teacher in the public school); and the Senior, under Rev. Mr. Ditchburn; the method has been attended with most excellent results.

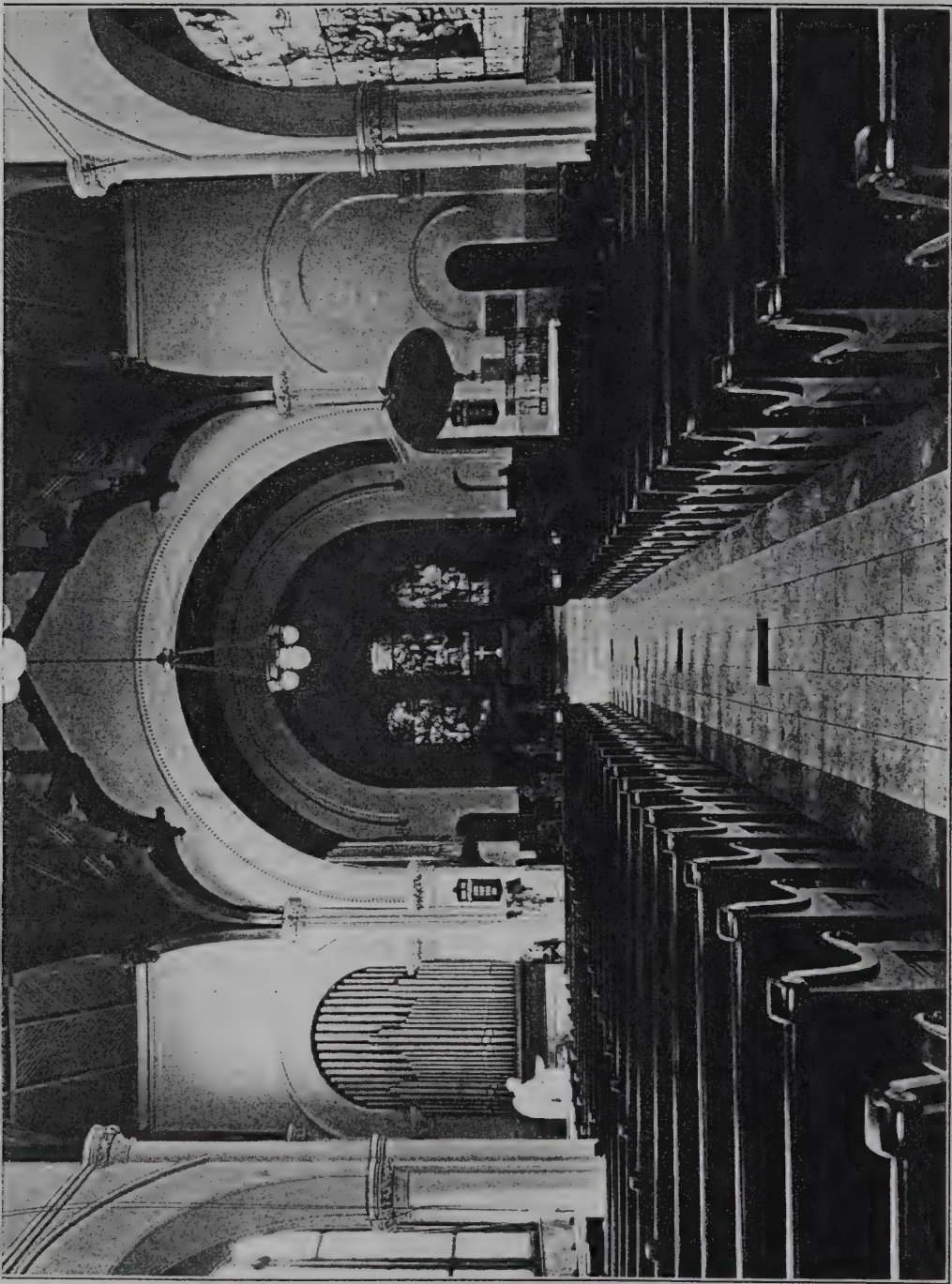
This system was continued from 1922 to 1925, Miss Gladys Fry being Superintendent of the Junior Department.

In October, 1926, the Senior Department was re-arranged, being put in charge of an organization of them with Mr. Howard Craig, President; Miss Mary Louise Hummel, Treasurer; Mrs. F. J. Foxley, Counsellor; which seems to have created a great deal of interest and doubtless tends to build up that department.

Miss Gladys Fry having married Rev. W. C. Goodfellow and moved to his Diocese (Maine) has as not yet been replaced.

The records disclose the following information:

	Enrollment	Primary	Largest Attendance	Lenten Offering	Jas. McConnell Prize for largest number of scholars
1889	350	----	257	----	Ethel Nutt, Lizzie Doswell, Herman Borell, May Waters Edwin Belknap, Jr.
1890	429	37	306	----	
1891	422	32	303	----	
1892	333	36	258	----	
1894	330	29	254		
1895	360	----	274	----	May Hayward Lee Hooper Robert Bothick Hattie Waters
1896	406	42	275	----	
1897	402	38	----	----	
1898	348	39	----	----	
1899	323	36	----	----	
1900	159	30	145	----	
1905	----	----	----	\$50.00	
1906	163	34	130	49.50	
1907	152	34	124	53.35	
1908	161	37	126	81.06	
1909	182	36	149	90.00	
1910	149	26	137	88.00	
1911	167	19	129	----	
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1916	181	----	----	130.00	
1917	216	----	186	200.00	
1918	242	50	177	300.00	
1919	----	----	----	----	
1920	252	50	173	380.00	
1921	280	63	190	300.00	
1922	427	95	255	304.68	
1923	267	75	208	307.04	
1924	270	68	222	341.26	
1925	319	81	233	297.74	
1926	246	62	191	309.07	



INTERIOR VIEW ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

## The Choir

### ORGANISTS

	1839—Miss Koppel.
	1848—Miss Hitchcock.
	1853—Thomas Cripps.
	1854—John Benson.
From	1865—Mrs. Edward Ivy.
to	1889—J. H. W. Eckert
	1889—Frank H. Simms, F.R.C.O.
	1902—Ferdinand H. Dunkley, F.R.C.O.
	1909—J. Norris Herring.
	1910—Miss Louise Favrot.
	1925—Herbert J. Austin, F.R.C.O.

The conduct of the musical part of the church services up to this time had been of the usual quartette choir augmented by volunteers. For many years, during the rectorship of his predecessors, Miss Alice Palfrey (afterward Mrs. Edward Ivy), had been the organist, Misses Julia Leeds, Cora Pritchard, Henrietta Lloyd and other ladies and Messrs. Charles Tracy and Wheeler had rendered satisfactory and voluntary musical assistance. Later it was decided to have a male organist, and Mr. J. W. H. Eckert rendered satisfactory services as organist for ten years with volunteer singers.

In 1889, it was decided to have a male choir with the assistance of boys between 8 and 12 years of age to be trained, and Mr. Eckert decided to resign. His resignation was accepted with regret by the Vestry, who presented him with a gold watch with suitable inscription of regard and esteem.

The Vestry then engaged as organist and choirmaster, Mr. Frank H. Simms of Ryde, England. In further appropriate fitness of the new departure the organ (which had been in the gallery over the main entrance of the church) was taken down and re-erected at the side of the chancel.

For the greater interest of the congregation and lovers of sacred music, Mr. Simms inaugurated a series of organ recitals monthly, which were maintained for many years. It is of interest to note here that at the funeral services of President Jefferson Davis, December 12, 1889, at the City Hall and at the cemetery the only services of song were rendered by St. Paul's Boy Choir, whose names follow:



Clarence Agnew  
R. Childress  
Alvin Skardon  
Ben Cluverius  
Rodney Logan  
Elmore VanHorn  
Albert Whitman  
Wilmer Gresham

Fred Decker  
Seymour Gresham  
Harry Agnew  
Alex Finley  
George Stockman  
Albert VanHorn  
Charles F. Bridewell  
W. F. Witte

Robert Fine  
George Hynson  
Richard Dee  
Stuart Hanley  
D. Smith  
Eddie Walsh  
A. Rennyson  
J. Temple Doswell

In October, 1924, Miss Louise Favrot, who had for many years been our organist, resigned and the paid choir was disbanded and the present very satisfactory volunteer choir, with Mr. Herbert Austin as organist, came into being.

The "Choir Guild", with Mrs. Alfred LeBlanc as President, and Miss Isabel Snodgrass as Secretary, was inaugurated, the membership consisting of the volunteer choir, and some of the musical members of the Congregation. The St. Paul's "Messenger" has had several occasions to congratulate the Choir on the excellence of their work, which is much appreciated by the Congregation, and relieves the Church of heavy expense.

## Volunteer Choir

In 1889, in order to assist in the daily Lenten Services, a number of young church members formed a volunteer choir: it comprised the following members, Organist, Miss E. R. Whitlow, Secretary, Miss H. Lloyd, Mrs. A. G. Koums, Misses Bridewell, Emily Burton, Gissy Burton, Mattie Cluverius, Evelyn and Lizzie Doswell, C. Gueringer, Ada Leeds, Alice Palfrey, Hilda Belknap, Annie Stevenson, Fannie and Lizzie Work, Messrs. Bridewell, Decker, Witte, Seymour and Wilmer Gresham (now Dean of Cathedral, San Francisco, California). The organization was maintained for many years, and its members took part in the Mission Services at the Waifs' Home, Soldiers' Home, St. Anna's Asylum, Parish Prison and other places where such services are welcome.

In addition, the parish has been favored by the appreciated services (when needed), of the following organists: Mrs. E. A. Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Foxley, Mrs. E. Schneider (formerly Miss Juanita Dequede), Mrs. Melville Berry (formerly Miss Lois Hauser), Mrs. Goodfellow (formerly Miss Gladys Fry), and Mrs. M. F. Whitlow.

## Chapter 1456 Brotherhood of St. Andrew

This chapter secured its charter in 1896, and though not numerically strong has steadfastly carried out its two-fold pledge—Prayer and Service.

With few exceptions, it has held its meetings at regular intervals, and has been the means of bringing the notice of the church and its services to the residents of the city in its neighborhood, by distributing attractively-framed cards of the church, with hours of service.

It has for a great many years been holding services at the Waifs' Home, and recently this work has been supplemented by extending material help and amusement to the boys. It is expected as a result that the value of the work will be greatly advanced.

The chapter has been represented at several of the National Conventions, and is now fulfilling its purposes under the leadership of Mr. B. N. Davis, Director, and Mr. M. F. Williams as Secretary.

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## St. Paul's Sewing School

1881 to 1902

Miss Mary Porter was very much impressed by the way the little girls in the neighborhood of the church played in the street every Saturday morning, so on Saturday in the fall of 1881 she asked several of them to come into a room in the basement of the church and she would teach them to sew. This was the beginning of a large graded sewing school which was held every week until about the year 1902, when the rapid growth of the Kingsley House activities convinced the teachers that there was no longer need for this school.

The children were given the garments they made, and in many cases this was a great help to them, as most of the scholars were very poor.

The expenses were all met by donations of money and material from members of the congregation, two being particularly generous, Mrs. Tom Wharton and Mrs. J. H. Oglesby.

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## St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop

The Rev. Alfred Rives Berkeley came to New Orleans as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church November 1st, 1916. For three years previous he had been Scoutmaster of Troop No. 120 in Philadelphia. One of the first things he undertook to do in New Orleans was to organize a troop of Boy Scouts. On November 24th, 1916, seven boys, all members of the Sunday School and Parish, met with Mr. Berkeley and the following Friday others came. Mr. J. Biddle Hammond consented to act as Assistant Scoutmaster.

In January, 1917, sixteen boys were registered at National Headquarters, and as there was at that time no troop number 1 in New Orleans, this numeral was assigned to this troop. There were five other troops in the city.

The first Troop Committee consisted of Messrs. George H. Terriberry, Oswald C. Belfield and Kenneth LeBlanc.

Applications for membership from boys of the church and their friends became so numerous that the limit of thirty-two was soon reached and special permission to exceed that number was secured from National Headquarters. During the year fifty-four boys were registered and Messrs. J. Biddle Hammond, J. Temple Doswell, Gibson Stevenson, Oswald C. Belfield, Archie M. Smith, Milton Williams and E. L. Hawes served as Assistant Scoutmasters. Messrs. Hammond and Stevenson volunteered for service early in the war.

Patrols were organized with regard to the residences of the scouts and each patrol was placed under the special supervision of an Assistant Scoutmaster. In the latter part of 1918 Mr. Emerson Bentley became Assistant Scoutmaster and later Prof. J. M. McBryde and Rev. J. S. Ditchburn served in the same capacity. In 1921 Mr. Berkeley retired as Scoutmaster but continued serving the Troop as Chairman of the Troop Committee up to the date of his departure from St. Paul's. Mr. Emerson Bentley succeeded Mr. Berkeley as Scoutmaster and is still (November, 1926) acting in that capacity, having as his assistants, Messrs. O. C. Belfield and A. E. Bentley. The present Troop Committee consists of Mr. Milton Williams, John W. Hogan and Oscar Oliver. At periods during the career of the Troop, Messrs. Alfred LeBlanc, Vincent Gray and H. V. Morse and other members of our congregation have served on the Troop Committee.

About two hundred boys have been connected with the troop. It is now the oldest active troop in the New Orleans Council. The troop of 1926 (the tenth year of its existence), as at present constituted, is one of the most active and successful in recent years. There are at this writing (November) nineteen boys registered and other applications pending.

Many of the boys who outgrew scouting are active in the work of the Young People's Service League. Every boy who has up to this time served as president of St. Paul's Chapter of the League has been a member of the Scout Troop.

During its career the troop has won many awards for efficiency in Scout activities both in district and city-wide contests. It is a valuable asset to the church in its work among the young people of New Orleans.



## Rectory

The necessity for a Rectory becoming very urgent, a house very conveniently located for the work of St. Paul's was purchased at 1420 Polymnia Street, and was occupied by Rev. Dr. Waters and family during his Rectorship. The Vestry purchased and arranged for a Rectory the house, No. 1427 Polymnia. At the request of Mr. Berkeley, on his acceptance of the Rectorship in 1916, alterations and repairs to the extent of \$2890.00 were made; and needed repairs are now being made for the new incumbent, Rev. Charles L. Monroe.

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## Parish House

On January 4th, 1913, the house, 1127 Gaiennie Street, immediately adjoining and in the rear of the church, was purchased by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc, altered and adapted for a parish house at a cost of \$6800.00, and then generously donated by himself and his wife, Mrs. Jane Stewart LeBlanc, to St. Paul's; an appropriate resolution of gratitude and appreciation appears on the minute book of the Parish. The building combines the necessary offices for the Rector, Assistant and Secretary, and is used for the Sunday School and social gatherings. On February 4th, 1916, the Vestry appointed Mr. F. H. G. Fry as its Attorney in Fact to purchase the property immediately adjoining the church, on Camp Street, which was done on May 30th, 1918; this was the second generous donation of this character to the Parish by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc. There was an old building thereon which was demolished, and in place thereof a lawn was planted. Immediately adjoining this ground, and facing Camp Street, was a lot of ground and house, which was occupied as a small iron foundry. Owing to the necessity of a partition sale of its owner, it was placed up for auction. The Vestry was convinced of the necessity of its acquisition and ownership, and steps were taken amongst members for contributions toward its purchase. This was done for the sum of \$19,500, and toward this amount Mr. Berkeley received from a generous friend in Ohio the sum of \$5000. In addition to this several generous subscriptions were made. The Vestry then arranged through a Guaranty company for the settlement of the balance during a term of years. This property with the present building in the rear of the church will in due time justify the expectations of the congregation, that a properly equipped building for all parochial requirements will be provided.

## Friends of the Silent

In 1889 Dr. Waters inaugurated a plan by which the deaf and dumb members of the congregation could have the services of the church through the medium of the sign language. The Rev. Job Turner, of the Diocese of Virginia, was engaged to make regular visitations to the city, and a society of members of St. Paul's and other churches, under the name of Friends of the Silent, was formed; this organization is still in existence. The Rev. Mr. Turner died some years ago; his work is carried on under the able administration of the Rev. J. Lorraine Tracy, who conducts services once a month at St. Paul's.

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## Bearing Blossoms Missionary Society

This society was organized in 1889 and its purpose was to enlist the interest of the younger members of the congregation in mission work, both foreign and domestic. The first report in 1890 bears the name of Mrs. Fanny DeWolf, President, and Miss Bettie R. Whitlow, Treasurer, and its effective service was continued for some years.

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## Memorials and Donations

The following is a list of memorials given to the Church:

The windows in the rear of the Chancel, and a tablet at the side of the Pulpit, in memory of the Rev. H. H. Waters.

The furniture of the Chapel, and a memorial window, in memory of Mr. J. H. Oglesby.

The large memorial window, representing the "Ascension", on the south side, in memory of Mrs. Penelope Lynch Adams Stone.

The window adjoining, in memory of father and mother of Miss E. L. Henry.

The window adjoining, in memory of Samuel Blythe Rogers.

The window in main tower, by Miss E. L. Henry in memory of her brothers.

The window over main entrance, by Dr. J. E. Davidson, in 1908, in memory of his wife, Medora Renshaw.

Memorial tables to S. S. Prentiss and Allen Giles and Mrs. James Sawers.

Marble pulpit by Mrs. R. E. Rivers in memory of her mother.

Baptism Ewer and Stand in memory of Mrs. W. G. Coyle.

Brass Cross on communion table in memory of Bishop J. N. Galleher.

Alms Basin in memory of Mrs. Frances Strawbridge.

Complete set of Communion linen and Service in memory of Mrs. Edwin Belknap and Mrs. G. H. Tichenor, Jr., by Sisters of Bethany.

Two copies of the "Book of Common Prayer" for use of the Clergy in the Sanctuary by Mrs. W. T. Doswell in memory of her mother, Mrs. Menard Doswell, and by Mr. Thomas Sloo Johnson in memory of his mother, Mrs. J. B. Johnson.

Gifts were made by the following members:

The large Bible on Lectern by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bothick.

The silver lettering thereon by Mr. M. Scooler.

The pianos in the Parish House by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc.

The pianos in the Chapel by several parishioners.

Three handsome electroliers in the Church by Mr. W. H. Hendren.

The donor of the Communion Set is unknown but it bears the inscription: "St. Paul's Church, 1846."

\$5000.00 by will of William G. Coyle filed February 19th, 1914.

\$10,000.00 by will of Mrs. Elizabeth Stone Baker.

\$5000.00 by will of Mrs. T. G. Richardson.

\$5000.00 by will of Miss E. L. Henry.

\$450.00 Liberty Bond by parents of Homer Donald Bradburn, killed in action 1914.

\$2500.00 by Mr. James McConnell's will.

Parish House by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc and Mrs. Jane Stewart LeBlanc.

Lot adjoining church and next to Hinderer property by Mr. Alfred LeBlanc.



## Statistical Record

Owing to the loss of some of the records by the fire which occurred in the Church in 1901, there are no complete statistics to accompany this sketch. However, the following data will be of interest.

From 1837 to 1854 there were:

576 Baptisms.

— Confirmations (no record obtainable).

170 Marriages.

316 Funerals.

From 1889 to and including September, 1926, there were:

1160 Baptisms.

1010 Confirmations.

525 Marriages.

1081 Funerals.

The register of the old parish has data and records of interest to those who delight in the perusal of the history of those days.

The records of Births, Marriages and Deaths are unique, and in the records of the latter the toll taken by the "Yellow Scourge" was a matter of frequent record.

An interesting item in the death list is the record of the "Death, on August 16th, 1852, of Mrs. General Taylor, widow of the late President", and this honored member of St. Paul's followed her illustrious husband within two short years.

Marriages are also unique. The following record of a marriage in 1850 "when slavery was in vogue" was that of "Louis (Mr. Gains' servant) to Cordelia (Mrs. General Smith's servant)".

The foregoing pages chronicle the record of Nine Decades wherein St. Paul's has measured fully up to the expectation of her founders.

Her children, now calmly ignoring the pessimism of those who see in her location (one of ultra-residential environment) a bar to further progress, take up the challenge and, measuring their own intentions by the glorious legacy from their Sainted Predecessors,

RESOLVE—That should Providence permit the First Century of St. Paul's existence come to pass, it shall witness:  
An Endowment Provided;

A Parish House, Fully Equipped, and a

Congregation as ever Active, Energetic and Loyal in Service

TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD.



## “Endowment”

Owing to the peculiar situation of St. Paul's on account of the fast encroachment of the business interests, it is obvious that an Endowment Fund should be raised for the better support of the Parish. To that end various donations already have been received and the fund now amounts to \$13,000.

It has been suggested that an interest in the work of the Old Church may be had by those to whom its memories and its works are so dear, by making provision in their wills for such a donation.

In order to comply with the Laws of the Commonwealth, the following pattern of such a testamentary donation is submitted:

FORM OF LEGACY—To be drawn up by a Notary Public, or it must be wholly written, dated and signed by donor as follows:

New Orleans, La., \_\_\_\_\_

I give and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Orleans, La., \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

This is wholly written, dated and signed by me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Gifts before death are safer than legacies.)









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